



April 25, 2018

Heritage Parents and Guardians,

After careful consideration and having student safety as our top priority, Heritage Elementary has decided to close on Thursday, April 26th as well as Friday, April 27th. As your Principal I want you to know, nothing is more important to me than having your students in school. However, their safety must ALWAYS come first. As you probably know, Thursday, April 26th is a statewide planned walkout by teachers. It was determined by the high number of absence request forms that we would have too few teachers to safely hold school. I appreciate everyone's patience, respect, and understanding in this matter.

This school-wide closure includes; before and after-school childcare, breakfast and lunch services, transportation services and all other on site student services. The entire campus including the front office will be closed on these days. I understand how having the school closed might cause an inconvenience for many of our families but as I stated earlier, student safety is our ultimate concern. We will be reopening for our families on Monday, April 30th. We anticipate adding instructional days at the end of the year so that we meet the state's legal requirement of 180 days. We will continue to communicate with our families as soon as it is clearer how we will handle this.

Thank you for your understanding as we navigate through this situation. Even though points of view may differ, please assume the best motives regarding the decisions of teachers and other staff members. As we work together through this difficult time, I encourage you to remember that we are all united by a common bond. We deeply want what is best for your child.

Sincerely,

Justin Dye

Principal