

### **Reasons why I recommend our schools should remain closed:**

- ✓ Our schools cannot logistically abide by and follow the CDC recommendations on social distancing, to include on buses, in school buildings/hallways/classrooms, in the cafeteria, and on the playground.
- ✓ Our schools DO NOT have the Personal Protective Equipment [PPE], such as masks, gloves, thermometers, and eye protection, for 650 individuals daily.
- ✓ Greater exposure to possible health risks, including the COVID-19 virus, by both students and staff.
- ✓ Greater exposure to possible health risks, including the COVID-19, between the home, school, and community.
- ✓ All fellow Hill County schools have or will recommend school closure through June 30, 2020.
- ✓ It would take up to two weeks or longer to get student back on a regular school schedule, which would only leave 4-6 days for structured, prime educational teaching and learning to occur.
- ✓ The difficulty of providing ACCOMODATIONS for students, teachers, and staff in an at-risk group.
- ✓ Cleaning and sanitation schedules.
- ✓ Absenteeism of students and staff.
- ✓ Academic and learning environment in the final 15 days of school would be very challenging; more social than instructional.
- ✓ Current remote learning/on-line teaching is showing some levels of success, especially in the K-6 grade levels.