

TULOSO-MIDWAY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dr. Suzanne J. Nelson, Interim Superintendent

To the TMISD Community:

The Tuloso-Midway ISD has an emergency plan and procedure to protect our students and staff during emergencies. Our *Shelter in Place* plan includes provision to protect staff and students if a dangerous chemical or biological agent was released in the community and posed a threat during the school day. If this type of event occurred, we would take direction from the local public health and safety officials to protect our students and staff. It is important for you to understand that our building would be secured, with no one being allowed to enter or leave the building until local officials have given us a clearance.

The goal of *Shelter in Place* is to provide a barrier between the students and the hazard in the environment. While we protect our students in the school building, we recognize that our parents may be sheltered in their own homes or places of work. The school will make every effort to communicate the status of our students to you. However, it is extremely important that you do not attempt to come to the school to remove your student. The *Shelter in Place* approach has proven to be much safer than evacuating students into potentially contaminated outdoor environments. Our plans are developed with our local law enforcement, emergency management and public health officials.

In the near future, we will be performing *Shelter in Place* drills to practice our school emergency plan. We will encourage our students to discuss this drill with you. We also encourage you to prepare your home for an emergency event such as *Shelter in Place*.

Our school continues to take proactive measures to protect the safety of all our students and staff members. We thank you for understanding your role in our emergency procedures. Please contact the school if you would like further information about our emergency procedures.

*Together for the Children,
Dr. Sue Nelson
Superintendent of Schools*