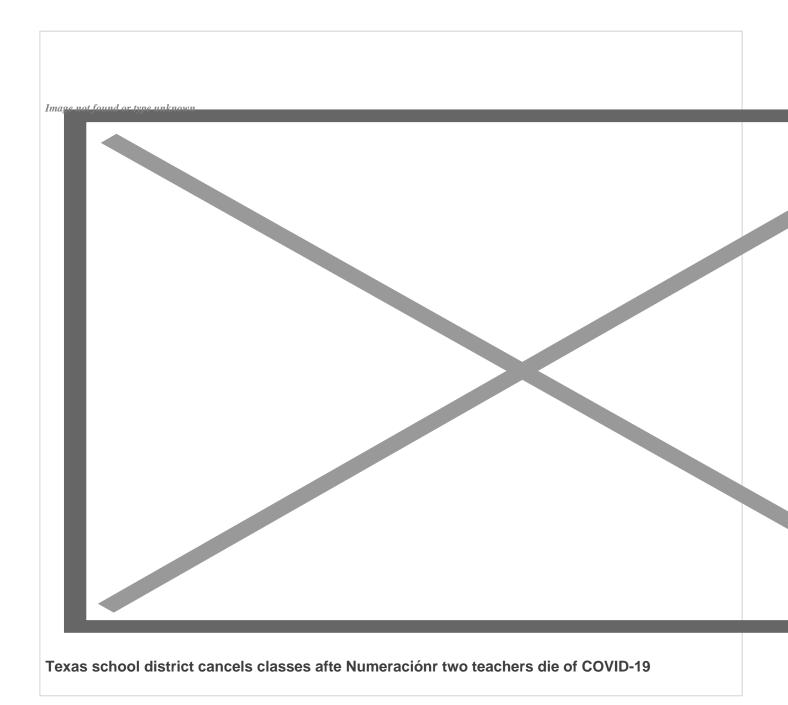
Texas school district cancels classes after two teachers die of COVID-19



Austin, September 2 (RHC) -- In Central Texas, the Connally Independent School District near Waco has canceled classes after two teachers died of COVID-19 in the same week.

Sixth-grade social studies teacher Natalia Chansler was just 41 years old. She died Saturday just days after her colleague, 59-year-old Andy McCormick, succumbed to the disease. Their school does not require that students or teachers wear masks.

In Arizona, more than 1,000 healthcare workers have signed an open letter to the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, pleading with them to mandate masks in K-12 schools.

This week, schools in and around Phoenix reported 227 active outbreaks, with nearly 1,700 students and 450 school employees infected.

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