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IDEA Families,

Ensuring the health and safety of our Team & Family is a top priority at IDEA Public Schools, and we believe it is best to operate with an abundance of caution at this time. Due to recent updates from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Texas Governor's office regarding the coronavirus, and to proactively protect the health and safety of our students, staff, and family, **IDEA will be extending the Spring Break holiday through March 27. IDEA Public Schools will reopen on Monday, March 30.** This decision comes as a result of thoughtful discussions regarding what is best for our students, staff, and families.

We have been working closely with partners across the state to minimize disruption to the well-being of our IDEA students and families. At campuses affected by closure, **we will be providing breakfast and lunch for IDEA students, families and staff who need food at all schools, beginning March 23<sup>rd</sup>.** While our schools are closed, we will also **provide free weekday childcare at specific campuses for IDEA parents working in jobs essential to community health and safety, including health care workers and first responders, and other essential personnel.** This will be available to IDEA students from PreK-12<sup>th</sup>.

Should school closures extend beyond March 30, **Instruction WILL continue through a Distance Learning Program.** The Distance Learning Program will enable multiple methods and modalities for teaching remotely to reach all families, including those with special needs or with limited access to technology. Heavy use of printed materials, virtual classrooms, and individualized learning programs are involved. We openly acknowledge that no online portal will be able to replicate the quality of your child's teacher and classroom. We kindly ask for your patience and understanding as we support our teachers so they can effectively support your child and family.

You can access our most up-to-date information, resources and more details about the above updates, including a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) guide and links to the CDC and state health departments on our website at [ideapublicschools.org/parents/health-services](http://ideapublicschools.org/parents/health-services).

Please know we are committed to doing everything possible to support our Team & Family during the extended break. We are in this together – for the health and well-being of our Team & Family and our communities.

Thank you,

IDEA Public Schools