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Dear IDEA Parents,

Given the evolving number of COVID-19 cases across the country, I want to assure you that IDEA Public Schools is focused on the safety of our students and staff. We are closely monitoring updates from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to implement the necessary precautions.

Today we want to highlight the following:

- We continue preventive measures daily on campus such as intensifying disinfecting protocols in our buses, restrooms, classrooms, cafeterias and any high-traffic areas in our schools. Additionally, we are implementing heightened deep cleaning efforts during Spring break and on the weekends. Our staff has been trained on common but effective habits essential to preventing the spread of respiratory diseases like the flu.
- Health Aides are treating students in the clinic and contacting parents as needed. They have the most up-to-date information from local health authorities, including local community resources that our families can access.
- **Effective March 13, 2020, IDEA Public Schools is suspending all College Field Lessons and any additional out-of-region student field trips until further notice.** You can expect follow-up communication from your school if your child was scheduled to participate in an upcoming college field lesson or out-of-region field trip.
- In accordance with guidance from CDC and the US State Department, for your own safety **we ask that you do not travel to the level 3 countries of China, Iran, Italy, Japan, or South Korea. We also ask that you consider postponing any cruise ship travel.** If you decide to proceed with your travel plans, please contact your principal to inform them. We ask that you implement a period of self-quarantine and social distancing for 14 days before returning to school. We encourage you to report your domestic or international travel plans so we can help advise you. Look for a reporting link in your school's REMIND message.

**There is no current plan to cancel classes.** Classes will proceed unless we receive advice from health officials that the coronavirus spread requires more drastic action. Students and staff should be in school every day. We are taking the necessary precautions to ensure our school community is safe.

We will continue to post up-to-date information and resources, including a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) guide (like the one attached to this letter) and links to the CDC and state health departments on our website and social media channels.

Stay Safe,

JoAnn Gama  
Co-Founder, President and Superintendent  
IDEA Public Schools