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Dear New and Returning IDEA Families,

We are so excited to kick off the 21-22 school year with you! In preparation for our first day of school, we want to reiterate that we will be 100% in-person. As of today, IDEA and all local Independent School Districts (ISDs) in the state of Texas are NOT approved to offer families a virtual school option.

In August 2020, the TEA (Texas Education Agency) approved a one-year waiver for public schools in Texas to service students online full time. This was in response to the pandemic and not a long-term option for schools.

Through our legislative process, the approval of another year with a virtual-learning option has not been passed. This means IDEA and local ISDs cannot offer a virtual option to our students at this time. Furthermore, we agree with the president and other elected leaders, public health authorities, organizations of educators, scientists and medical professionals that it is safe and essential for students to return to classrooms. We believe schools can safely balance the risk of COVID-19 against the far greater risk to students' academic and social-emotional well-being and can operate fully in person.

We will continue to prioritize the safety of our students, staff and families while also providing an exceptional in-person education. We are committed to providing a safe, rigorous and fun in-person learning environment where students thrive and succeed.

If you'd like to learn more about our health and safety protocols, please click [here](#).

We are happy to answer the individual questions you may have now and throughout the summer. Please contact our campus with any questions or concerns.

We are so excited to be back in school, safely learning together,

IDEA Public Schools