



## Headline: All SST Schools Closed March 16-20

March 13, 2020

### Dear School of Science and Technology Family

The School of Science and Technology has maintained regular contact with local, state and federal health officials in Houston, Corpus Christi and San Antonio to monitor COVID-19 situations in each city. The safety and health of students and staff are our first priorities during this challenging time.

- Based on the most current information and guidance provided by health officials, **SST has made a decision to extend Spring Break for one more week in Houston, San Antonio and Corpus Christi.** School is expected to resume in Houston, San Antonio and Corpus Christi on Monday, March 23. All extracurricular activities, practices and other events are suspended during this closure.
- This decision is made to help prevent exposure to students, staff and the community. While this will present some challenges for working parents of young, school-aged children, it is important to the long-term health and safety of children, staff and the community.
- The SST leadership will continue to monitor COVID-19 in Houston, Corpus Christi and San Antonio and will provide updates whenever necessary. We will work with CDC, TEA and all other local and state agencies in case of more extension required and remote education options.
- The SST leadership is reviewing remote education as an option for students. Parents and staff will be informed of any decisions that are made.
- It is important that all members of our SST family continue to follow the [recommendations from the Center for Disease Control](#).
- All staff members are expected to stay within the city to be prepared for remote education options in case the school closure is extended.
- Keep yourself informed by monitoring CDC website on the coronavirus daily at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>. For more specific information related to Texas please check: <https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/>.

I appreciate your patience and understanding. Again, these measures are taken to protect our students and staff and we will update you as we have more information.

With warm regards,

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Superintendent