

Dear TPA Community,

In the interest of ensuring everyone's well-being as best we can in these extraordinary times, TPA has decided that we will close school beginning March 16th, with the intention to return April 6th. **This will require two significant changes in our calendar for the school year (Please see below).** I apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause. I ask for your understanding and flexibility in recognizing that there are no clear solutions or paths forward in managing this health crisis. With that said, please also note that the expected date of return will be contingent on the status of the pandemic at that time. We, of course, will continue with on-going communications as things evolve. Please see the specifics below:

1. School closure will be March 16th-April 6th.
2. **We will be moving Spring break ahead one week.** The dates of Spring break will be March 30th to April 3rd.
3. We determined that given the unique needs of our learning community, we will not be able to provide instruction during the the 9 days of closure and will most likely need to change our calendar to include an additional 9 days of school at the end of the school year. **That means we would likely be in session until June 25th.**
4. To the best of our ability, we will provide online access to curriculum and written materials to work on during the closure. This work will not be required or in place of regular instruction, but rather to keep students engaged in learning. We realize that this can also be a hardship for families, so we wanted to provide the option only.
5. It is our understanding that school districts will be providing breakfast and lunch, so please contact your local school district in order for this service to be provided.
6. OT and Speech services will not be available. Mental health therapists will provide check-ins for students by phone.
7. IEPs that are already scheduled will be held if the parties can be assembled by phone. Further information will be provided regarding these meetings.
8. We will not be issuing report cards for 3rd quarter given the interruption in the school's schedule. A second semester grade will be issued at the end of the school year.

I apologize for the disruption that this may cause for everyone. We are trying to make decisions that have the best possible outcome for our community and we appreciate your coming together with us in making this happen. I urge everyone to take care of themselves, to put the health of your family and yourselves first as we try to ensure that we minimize any adverse effect on the education of our learners.