



ANTHONY JEFFERSON, SUPERINTENDENT

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The health and safety of our scholars, families, and staff is a **top** priority of the A.W. Brown Leadership Academy. Given the evolving situation of the Novel Coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, we want to update you on the District's efforts to protect scholars, families, and staff.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention describe COVID-19 as a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. Symptoms include fever, cough and difficulty breathing. It was first identified during an outbreak in Wuhan, China. Since then, it has spread to other countries.

AWBLA is closely monitoring the progress of the illness and following the advice of the CDC and the Dallas County Public Health Department.

Additionally, the school has contracted with an outside vendor to "Deep Clean" both Campuses (including the portables) over the Spring Break. Our Custodial Staff will also perform extra cleaning of the District offices (Central and Business) and Transportation will take care of our bus/van interiors.

**As spring break approaches, please be aware of travel alerts. The CDC has issued Level 3 travel alerts for Iran, South Korea, Italy, China and Japan.** You can monitor for updates at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/locations-confirmed-cases.html>.

In the meantime, parents and scholars are encouraged to do these things to help prevent the spread of illness at home and on campus:

- *Avoid close contact with people who are sick.*
- *Wash your hands frequently.*
- *Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.*
- *Stay home when you are sick.*
- *Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.*
- *If you do not have a tissue, use your sleeve (not your hands).*
- *Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.*

AWBLA will share updates with parents and guardians as they are available. For more information on the virus, please log onto our website at [www.awbrown.org](http://www.awbrown.org) and click "From the School Nurse" followed by another click to read/watch a WFAA story about COVID-19.

As always, thank you for your support of the A.W. Brown Leadership Academy.

Sincerely,

*Anthony Jefferson*

Superintendent