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Dear Bulldog families,

As you know, the weather in Texas this year has provided us with many challenges. We have seen unprecedented flooding, extreme heat and humidity, snow, and now, most recently, icy conditions along with temperatures in the teens. These challenges have caused the cancellation of school on several occasions. While those cancellations were made in the best interest of safety, we are still legally required to provide instruction to all students that equals 75,600 minutes.

Fortunately, we have built some safeguards into our schedule to cover some of the shortened minutes. However, while this will cover some of the minutes that were lost, we do have some time that must be made up. Because of this need, the board of trustees approved a calendar change for February 19, 2018. Originally February 19 was scheduled to be professional development day. We will need that to be an instructional day to recover from our days missed due to the ice.

PLEASE NOTE: FEBRUARY 19, 2018 WILL NOW BE A REGULAR DAY OF SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS

We will have regular school hours on that day. We will then be compliant with state requirements. While a change in schedule always presents challenges, we believe this to be a much better solution than attending school during one day of either fair break or spring break.

One additional note regarding the school calendar: due to both 8th grade graduation and our high school graduation, the last day of school is May 23, 2018. Originally, May 24th had been the last day of school but with both graduations taking place the calendar was changed in the fall but many of you may have missed that note. Our 8th grade graduation will be on Wednesday May 23 AND high school graduation will be Thursday May 24 @ Sam Houston State University.

We are hopeful that the remainder of our school year will proceed as scheduled and that we will have no further weather incidents. Thank you for your understanding and for all that you do to help your children.

Sincerely,

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