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Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

Yesterday, Governor Doug Ducey and Superintendent of Public Instruction Kathy Hoffman announced that all Arizona schools will be closed from Monday, March 16, through Friday, March 27, 2020. Like our Administrative team here at GIFT JTED, they have been closely monitoring the progress of the COVID-19 virus with public health authorities and made this call after much careful consideration to protect the health and safety of Arizona's children, families, and school communities. You may read their full statement on our website.

According to the health professionals at the CDC, and our local Health Department, good hygiene such as frequent hand washing, and social distancing are effective measures to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Fortunately, our programs are on Spring Break this week. Eastern Arizona College is working diligently on methods to deliver as much course content online as possible, and we will be reaching out to our students with further details next week. Students should check their Gila Hank emails for announcements from their instructors. EAC website: www.eac.edu.

For our students who must complete hours for their state licenses and certifications, we are working with all our regulatory agencies to make contingencies for you, and we will do everything within our power for you to be able to take your exams. We will keep you posted as we learn more.

We will be sending updates with information and resources via email, text messages, the website and social media channels.

While our District Office will be closed, you may contact us anytime online at www.gift-tech.org. We are grateful for your patience and understanding as we continue to work through this difficult situation. We will get through this challenge together.

Sincerely,

Troy Thygerson, Superintendent