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Dear IDEA Families,

With October winding to a close in the upcoming hours, it is my hope that you are able to reflect upon the month with a great sense of fulfillment as well as happiness and that you are equally as anxious as we are for the upcoming holiday season.

For my family, we were able to inch closer to moving into our new home after what could best be described as a “series of unfortunate events,” learned that we are going to be blessed with another child in the spring and relished in the joy of watching my daughter spend several days being spoiled by her grandparents after their first lengthy visit.

IDEA also experienced a few firsts in their 25 years of service to each of you! For example, IDEA was proud to introduce the start of their counseling services to provide industry-leading supports that your children deserve. Further, IDEA launched their podcast series entitled, “Voices of IDEA Homeschool,” as a means for you to share in the experience of homeschooling with other IDEA families, explore additional measures by which you can influence your child(ren)’s education and to learn further about the resources that are available to you.

From a district-wide perspective, the GCSD Board of Education adopted a new mission statement as part of their year-long Strategic Planning process. This “charge” highlights three key principles in serving you: (1) Recruiting and retaining exceptional staff, (2) actively partnering with you and (3) serving the whole child. In the upcoming weeks and months, you will have the opportunity to help us actualize these endeavors, as your regional IDEA teams will ensure that your voice is a driving force for the plan development.

In looking ahead, the IDEA team will be holding their statewide in-service training next week and while the IDEA offices will be closed during this time, rest-assured that they are involved in ground-breaking and heart-felt work in striving to best serve you and your child(ren).

Please feel free to reach out directly if you have any questions about district initiatives!

Sincerely,

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