



Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Dear Springfield International Charter School (SICS) Family:

We hope this letter finds everyone healthy, happy, safe, and prepared to enjoy a wonderful summer. We could not be happier to take a pause and receive a long weekend in honor of the Federal Holiday known as Juneteenth National Independence Day, or Juneteenth. Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 is the official holiday, and it is observed this year additionally on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. This momentous occasion commemorates the events of June 19<sup>th</sup>, 1865, when some of the last of the freed slaves in Texas learned of their emancipation and the end of the Civil War. Many began celebrating Juneteenth annually afterward, but it was not until 2021 that the Federal Government codified this in to law, so this year, we celebrate together officially for the second time as a nation.

SICS asks everyone in our community- students, families, extended families, teachers, staff, friends, and alumni- to join us this weekend in honoring the many struggles, tribulations, and sacrifices which have led us to this point and this momentous holiday weekend. As an international community whose strength is caused by our diversity, we all play a part in fostering the growth of our students' development as responsible and informed global citizens.

This Juneteenth Weekend, we are asking all in our SICS family to explore the related links found here on our website, with many informative and interactive resources on the history of Juneteenth, ways to celebrate it with family and friends, ideas for music, food, and traditions, videos, trivia, and many other items. This holiday weekend is for all of us and espouses the values and mission of Springfield International Charter School.

Happy Juneteenth and as always GO BULLDOGS!

Springfield International Charter School Staff