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To Whom It May Concern

Eid al-Adha (Feast of the Sacrifice) is celebrated annually on the tenth day of the twelfth month in the Islamic (lunar) calendar, and is one of the two important religious holidays celebrated by Muslims worldwide. It commemorates Prophet Ibrahim's (Abraham) total submission to the command of Almighty God with his willingness to sacrifice his son Ismail (Ishmael).

The Muslim community of Greater Austin will be celebrating Eid al-Adha this year on Sunday, August 11, 2018. This day is observed in conjunction with the Muslims' annual Hajj (pilgrimage) to Makkah, Saudi Arabia. Millions of Muslims from all over the world gather at the first house built for the worship of Almighty God by prophet Ibrahim and his son Ismail. Special prayers are also conducted after sunrise.

A member of our congregation, _____, who is attending Grade ____ at your school will be spending his/her day in prayers and Eid al-Adha festivities. Since Eid al-Adha is a very important religious festival for Muslims, we request you to excuse him/her from attending school on that day and not count the absence against him/her.

We thank you for your consideration and understanding in this matter. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact us at (512) 850 4786 or via email at info@icbrushycreek.org

Sincerely,

The Executive Board

Islamic Center of Brushy Creek