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Special Education Parent Community,

We are writing to update you on our ongoing monitoring of student progress and the work that we are doing to determine any learning loss that your child may have experienced due to instructional gaps related to Covid. As you know, we were unable to begin providing in person services on August 20th as we had hoped and continued to provide distance learning through late September when we were cleared by the State and County to begin to implement IUSD's in-person instructional models.

At this time, many of our students continue in an instructional model that does not include 5 day a week in person instruction due to the need to implement safety measures and social distancing protocols, amongst other factors. Our students are continuing to adjust to the new realities of their educational environment and our teachers are continuing to work to build learning momentum with our students. Teachers and Service Providers are also continuing to monitor progress on goals and make adjustments to accommodations and services to ensure that students are accessing their educational environment and making appropriate progress.

We are continuing to work with school sites to determine additional supports that can be provided to students who are not able to access the traditional 5 day a week in person instructional model. As those additional supports become available and determined appropriate for your child, you will be contacted by your child's school site or program specialist to discuss those supports with you.

We appreciate your continued flexibility and understanding as we traverse these ever changing times and strive to provide all of our students with the most appropriate education given their unique needs. If you have further questions concerning COVID related services or the process to evaluate the need for them, please contact the School Psychologist that works with your child's school site.

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