



March 19, 2020

Dear Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s),

In these unprecedented times and in response to the COVID-19 National Emergency, Irvine Unified School District (“IUSD”) began providing Emergency Distance Learning opportunities for all of our students yesterday, March 18th. This letter is to provide you with written notice, pursuant to 34 CFR § 300.503 and/or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (“Section 504”), of the Irvine Unified School District’s (“District”) closure of your student’s school, which began on March 16, 2020, and the District’s proposal to continue educating students during the COVID-19 school closure.

As a Parent and/or Guardian of a Student with an IEP, your child will be receiving instructional learning opportunities through our Emergency Distance Learning platform. Your child’s case manager will also be reaching out to you to ensure access to Emergency Distance Learning and to assist with accommodating and modifying the materials as necessary to ensure that your child is able to access the educational materials provided.

As of Monday March 16th, IUSD closed through April 6th, which means Emergency Distance Learning will be provided through March 20th for our year-round schools, and March 27th for our schools on a traditional calendar. We are also aware that based on the Governor’s recent comments, our students may be participating in Emergency Distance Learning beyond April 6th. We are currently planning for that possibility and will be in communication with you regarding our plans for the continued implementation of our Emergency Distance Learning for your child. That communication will include information regarding how we will be addressing instructional and related service opportunities, in addition to possible IEP meetings, in the event that Emergency Distance Learning continues. Any IEPs that were scheduled to take place between March 16th and March 27th will be rescheduled as soon as students return to school.

Please also know that the Office of Special Education, along with the District, is constantly monitoring guidance from Federal and State agencies. This guidance is being updated and changes are being made on a regular basis. We are updating our plans accordingly and will be in touch with you concerning any changes to the mode in which our Emergency Distance Learning is implemented.

In closing, we know that this time is uncertain and difficult for all of our community and families, and especially difficult for our students with unique needs. Please continue to visit our IUSD website for updates on COVID-19. Additionally, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child’s case manager or school psychologist if you have questions or to inquire about additional resources.

Best,

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Irvine Unified School District

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