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Dear Parent and/or Guardian,

We certainly hope that this letter finds you and your family well. The past two weeks have been filled with many changes for families, schools, and our community. Most of you have had to alter your family schedules, routines, and daily practices to conform to the mandated closure of schools and businesses and to engage in social distancing recommendations.

As a District, we wanted to take this opportunity to communicate personally with our families who have a child with a 504 Accommodation Plan, as you may have additional questions and be facing unique challenges related to your child's specific needs. These last weeks have been difficult for schools to navigate the many aspects of this mandated closure while continuing to support our families. While the possibility exists that the closure of schools may be extended, please know that teachers and administrators have been working diligently to plan for ways to engage your child in meaningful educational opportunities.

As you may know, based on recent communication from the building principals, your child's Teachers and related service providers, have been developing activities and resources to share with students on a daily basis. These activities and resources have been developed with the intent of re-establishing connections and extending the learning that has occurred throughout this school year. Your child's teacher(s) will be available for support as the building level letters posted on the website indicate. We are encouraging all students to participate to the greatest extent possible.

Starting on March 30, 2020, we will begin to provide online/remote instruction. Our teachers will work hard to provide all students with supports and services aligned with their accommodation plans using the online/remote format. Our teachers are working diligently to develop instruction, activities and opportunities that will be made available to your child during this mandated closure. The District is committed to working collaboratively with parents during the COVID-19 global Pandemic to continue to engage our students with 504 accommodations in the educational process. As the District continues to work closely with local, state, and federal officials, adjustments to our plan may be necessary, particularly should the state-mandated school closure be extended. If you would like to speak to me, do not hesitate to reach out via phone or email. We do appreciate your understanding and flexibility during this unprecedented time in public education and are confident that, working together, we will successfully engage our students while doing our part to keep all students, families, staff, and the community healthy.

Sincerely,

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