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Dear Stockton Unified School District Families of Students with Disabilities,

Thank you for your continued collaboration and patience over the last few months as we have been planning (and re-planning, given recent changes in state and local directives) for the start of the school year! Our staff are looking forward to being with your children again, albeit we all wish it could be under different circumstances.

As you are aware from prior communications, consistent with the directives and guidance from Governor Newsom, California Department of Public Health, San Joaquin County Public Health, and California Department of Education, the Stockton Unified School District will begin the 2020-2021 school year with distance learning for all students. For students with disabilities with individualized education programs (IEPs), we will be continuing to implement your child's IEP to the greatest extent possible during the time our school campuses remain closed. You can expect to be contacted by your child's case manager/teacher, within the first few weeks of school starting, to discuss in greater detail the specific means by which your child's IEP will be provided so long as the emergency conditions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic remain in effect. These means could be revised as circumstances change, and if this happens, we will be in further contact with you.

We want to be clear this does not constitute a change to the District's offer of a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment (FAPE), or your child's underlying IEP. Your child's IEP will only be provided by alternative means, as necessary during the period of emergency conditions. Once our schools return to full in-person learning, your child's IEP as developed by his/her/their IEP Team, will be implemented.

These are obviously still trying times for all of us, and we remain appreciative of your partnership and commitment to your child's learning and development during this process.

Sincerely,

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