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TO: Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s) of Student with Special Needs

FROM: Tammy Jalique, Interim Director of Special Education

DATE: April 3, 2020

RE: Notice Re School/District Closure to Prevent/Contain the Spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

This letter is intended to provide you information relating to the provision of special education services to your student during the ongoing school closure.

The District has determined that it is necessary to close its schools to prevent/contain the spread of COVID-19, in accordance with current guidance/mandates from state and federal agencies. This determination has been made based upon state authority as well as health and safety concerns for students, families, staff, and the community at large.

During the COVID-19 school closures, the District may be unable to provide the exact services written in your child's IEP. The method of delivery will of course be in compliance with closure/shelter in place mandates, and specific services may vary in frequency/duration. These variations are, as stated, due to the shelter in place orders and social distancing mandates.

During the duration of the school closure, we have developed a contingency plan for your child to receive special education and related services, to the greatest extent feasible under the circumstances, delivered in an alternative manner. Be assured that the District is not changing your child's IEP placement or service. Rather, this is a distance learning based plan for use during this emergency situation. When it is safe to resume school, your child will continue to receive the placement and related services that is contained in his/her last agreed upon IEP.

Your child's case manager and/or services providers will be contacting you directly to provide you with the specific plan for the implementation of your child's IEP during this distance learning period.

In making its determination, the District reviewed and considered the following, among other things:

- Recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control
- Recommendations from the California Department of Education and the United States Department of Education
- Recommendations from the San Joaquin County Department of Public Health
- Guidance from Governor Newsom and
- All other relevant information available to the District, including the Shelter in Place order currently in place in San Joaquin County.

Finally, please be advised that as a parent(s) or guardian(s) of a child with a disability, you have certain rights. Attached you will find a copy of those parental rights and procedural safeguards. Please feel free to contact me directly at 209-830-3270 if you have any questions or the California Department of Education at P.O. Box 944272, Sacramento, CA 94244 or the San Joaquin County Local Plan Area at P.O. Box 213030 Stockton, CA 95213-9030.

Thank you for your support and understanding during these challenging and ever-changing circumstances. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at tjalique@tusd.net.

Sincerely,
Tammy Jalique
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Interim Director of Special Education

Attached: *Parental Rights and Procedural Safeguards*