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

During this period of distance learning due to COVID-19, the Jordan Public Schools Special Services Department will continue to provide meaningful education for our early learning and school age students. The length of the closure may be uncertain, how the virus might affect each of us may be uncertain, but working together with our families and staff to provide quality education to all students is a certainty.

We have been working diligently with the State and Federal Government and with our neighboring school districts in the SouthWest and West Metro area to develop models of service that will allow our students receiving special education services an equal opportunity with their non-disabled peers to participate in our distance learning program. Our services will look very different during this period but we are committed to delivering a distance learning plan of service to each of our special education students. Your students IEP case manager will be reaching out to you the first week of distance learning to share with you the possible changes to your students IEP and the services that will be available for your student. Your communication to your students case manager will be critical for the success of distance learning.

We recognize the strain that a distance learning model will put on you as parents and endeavor to find balance between our desire to provide highly quality services and your ability to assist your students within the home environment. We all want our students to continue to make educational progress but we must put first things first and prioritize taking care of the physical and mental health needs of our families.

With this priority in mind, I want to encourage you to speak frankly with your student's Case Manager about how much of what we have planned can realistically be accomplished. We have flexibility in our service model, the volume of work we assign, and the timelines that we have established for the completion of work. All of these variables can be adjusted as we look to support you and your student(s).

We are uncertain of how long the distance learning model will be in place and we recognize that stress levels within your home will increase. Our student support staff,

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inclusive of School Psychologists, School Social Workers, School Counselors and Health Services staff, are compiling resources that you as parents may access to be mindful of you and your student's physical and emotional wellness. These resources will be added to our district website and will be accessible later this week.

Finally, make sure to take care of yourself and your family. The Jordan School District is here to support you in many ways. We will have staff accessible throughout the day. If you are unable to connect with your student's support staff, please connect with them via email or phone. We are fortunate for the support you have for our district and the investment of your student(s). If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me at cwilliams@isd717.org or 952-492-4230.

Stay Safe,

Chad Williams
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