Notification Memo
To: Parents/Guardians of Students with Disabilities
Re: Special Education Services during Distance Learning
Date: Monday, March 30, 2020
From: Robbinsdale Area Schools Special Education Department

Dear Robbinsdale Area Schools Families,

We recognize students and families have experienced a significant disruption to their daily routines and experiences in our schools during this rapidly evolving situation. As such, we wanted to share information about our work to create structures around distance learning. In the event we are directed to begin Distance Learning, Robbinsdale Area Schools will post our District Learning Plan to the district website by Friday, March 27, 2020.

Your child’s special education team will be in contact with you between March 30, 2020 and April 1, 2020 to discuss what distance learning services will look like for your student, in accordance with their Individual Education Plan (IEP) or Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP). Your child will continue to receive special education services, related services, accommodations, and modifications during Distance Learning. However, it is important to understand your child’s instructional and related services will look different in distance learning relative to traditional instruction.

Special education instruction during distance learning will focus on your student working toward their annual IEP goals or annual IFSP outcomes. Services will be delivered through alternative methods including technology, phone calls and printed resources, as determined by Governor Walz’s Executive Decision. IEP and other special education meetings will be held virtually or through phone conferences. Translation and interpretation services will continue to be available.

We appreciate your partnership and commitment to our learners as we work through this unprecedented time. Please do not hesitate to contact your Special Education Case Managers, Coordinators, Special Education Supervisors, or me if you have additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Marti Voight
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