

**Department of Special  
Education**

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Dear Parents and Families,

As you are aware, Governor Newsom has instituted a statewide mandatory school closure beginning March 16 and continuing through April 30. In order to continue engaging students in learning in whatever ways possible, The Special Education Department is working to align resources to the District's Educational Continuity Plan.

We know that this is an unprecedented time, and information is continually changing. This letter is intended to answer as many questions as possible.

**Eligibility/IEP Meetings:**

At this time, we are cancelling and will reschedule any meetings that were to occur from March 16- April 30, 2020.

**Education Continuity Plan:**

The District has developed a 3-phase plan focused on equity of access and exposure to the common core standards. The plan is subject to change as we receive continued clarification and guidance from the County and State Department of Education.

**Phase one** of our educational continuity plan for TK-12 resources for our students you can click here to access enrichment resources online: [Supplemental Enrichment Resources.](#)

We know that these resources require electronic devices and internet connectivity, and we want to make sure that all of our students in grades three through 12 have that access. You have received or will receive communication from your school principal with instructions on when to pick up Chromebooks and/or hot spots if your child does not currently have one or a supplementary paper packet if your child is younger than third grade. Please call the Special Education Department at 760-883-2703 if you do not have a way to pick up your child's Chromebook.

If your child has an assistive technology device at school and the device is in your child's classroom, please call the special education office. We will arrange a time for you to pick up the device and/or bring it to your home.

**Phase Two** of the Educational Continuity Plan includes documents, lessons and activities in the four core areas that will be developed and provided weekly. The goal is for these lessons to be engaging, based on critical grade level standards utilizing a variety of tasks, activities and assignments. We are also working on embedding intervention and support within these materials,

and lessons may be enhanced or supplemented by classroom teachers providing additional activities and connections via google classroom or another learning management system.

Depending upon the length of the closure, **Phase three** of the plan will provide a continuation of instruction that would focus on the development of a wide range of distance learning opportunities.

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