



Date: March 31, 2020

RE: Prior Written Notice Regarding School District Closure to Prevent/Contain the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

This letter is Prior Written Notice by the 87/20 Shared Service Arrangement (the “District”) pursuant to 20 U.S.C. Section 1415 (b)(3)(B) and (c)(1)(A-F) and Title 34 Code of Federal Regulations (“C.F.R.”) Section 300.503, of the closure of your student’s school beginning on March 16, 2020, and up until a time it is determined that school can safely resume.

The Districts determined that it is necessary to close its schools to prevent or contain the spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus based on consultation and or recommendations from agencies such as the Center for Disease Control (“CDC”), Texas Department of Education (“TEA”), and local government and health agencies.

During the school closure, the school districts will implement distance learning strategies to provide educational services to students. As a result, your student’s special education program will be provided through a distance learning model during the school closure. Recommendations from federal and state agencies to quarantine may affect the school district’s ability to provide some direct services to your child during the school closure. Further, it may be impossible to replicate some provisions of the IEP in the distance learning environment such as related services, small group instruction, or inclusion services.

The special education supports and services identified in your student’s IEP will resume when the school district re-opens. After the school re-opens, your child’s ARD committee will contact you to discuss whether an ARD meeting is appropriate and if any compensatory education is necessary.

In making the determination to close the school, the school districts reviewed and considered the following:

- Recommendations from the Center for Disease Control,
- Recommendations from local public health officials and agencies,
- Recommendations from local governmental agencies,
- Guidance from The United States Department of Education,
- Guidance from The Texas Department of Education,
- Recommendations from the White House, and
- All relevant information available to the District

The school districts considered other options, including but not limited to shortened school days, daily screenings of students and employees, and increased sanitization, but ultimately determined that in the interest of safety, the other options were insufficient.

Finally, please be advised parents of a child with a disability have protection under federal law and state law, and procedural safeguards set forth in Title 34 CFR Section 300.

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Special Education Information Center
1-855-773-3839 (1-855-SPEDEX)

or

Texas Project FIRST (Families Information Resources Support and Training)
texasprojectfirst.org

and/or

Partners Resource Network (PRN).
prntexas.org

Thank you for your patience during this national emergency.

Procedural Safeguards: http://framework.esc18.net/Documents/Pro_Safeguards_ENG.pdf