



August 18, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians of EUSD Students receiving Special Education services:

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you into the District if you are new to Emeryville, or, welcome you back from the summer break if you have a student who is returning to the District. This year promises to be very different from anything we've encountered previously. As such, this letter outlines some of the changes that we anticipate have or will occur as a result of the pandemic and COVID19.

Over the summer, the California state legislature created and passed SB98. This new legislation has formulated the opening of school for all students in the state and has specific language in it regarding the provision of special education services to students with IEPs. The special education portion of SB98 states that the district shall develop a contingency plan which, *describes how special education, related services, and supports will be provided to the extent possible in the event of emergency conditions in which instruction, services, or both cannot be provided at the school or in person for more than 10 school days.*

Your student's case manager will be emailing to you the following 3 documents:

Prior Written Notice regarding SB98 and Distance Learning

Copy of your Procedural Safeguards

SB 98 IEP Aligned Learning Plan Notice

The SB 98 IEP Aligned Learning Plan Notice provides detailed information regarding your child's services and schedules to access and receive their services. It is tailored based upon their IEP and reflects the form of distance learning that the District is providing (i.e., full remote, combination of remote and in-person instruction). This work will require coordination between the case manager and related service providers to ensure the notice is accurate and complete. It will also require collaboration between general education and special education providers so that the instruction is as seamless as possible.



The SB98 IEP Aligned Learning Plan Notice may take a few days to complete as there is much collaboration and coordination of providers. As with a start to the regular school year, we will be sure that your child has contact with their special education service providers in the first week of school.

We also recognize that some of you have students who may have been referred for an assessment or have open assessment plans. We are working to determine how best to conduct these assessments during a time when staff may not be able to directly interface with your student. If you have signed an assessment plan, the District will be contacting you in order to determine the best way to move forward with the testing.

I want to thank you in advance for your support and understanding while our special education team does everything possible to implement your student's IEP. Please don't hesitate to contact me via email at karen.steele@emeryusd.org, should you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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