Dear Elk Grove Unified Families of Students with Disabilities,

We hope this communication finds you safe and well. We have been encouraged by hearing the successful stories of how you are connecting with teachers and service providers and partnering with us in the continued education of your child through distance learning. We have thanked staff and want to acknowledge you as well, for the amazing efforts being made to continue with learning at home. While we have always viewed education as a direct partnership with parents, that is true now more than ever!

This communication is to inform you that while we had hoped state and local circumstances were such that our schools could have already reopened, it is now clear they will remain closed through at least the remainder of the 2019-2020 regular school year, including through our 2019-2020 summer/extended school year period.

In this regard, if your child has Extended School Year (ESY) services as a component of his or her last agreed-upon IEP, those services will continue to be provided to the extent feasible through virtual distance learning. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there will continue to be no in-person contact with teachers or providers, or instruction/service provided in any location other than the home. You can expect to be contacted by your child’s teacher and/or service provider(s) to discuss how your child’s specific ESY services can be delivered during this time.

We are sending this communication, similar to the previous communications, in the form of a prior written notice pursuant to 34 CFR § 300.503 noting that the current impacts on your child’s educational program are the result of state and local mandates issued in response to the current nation-wide COVID-19 pandemic.

Our decisions continue to be guided by our review and consideration of:

- Recommendations from state and local government officials, including departments of public health;
- Recommendations from the Center for Disease Control ("CDC");
- Recommendations from the California Department of Education ("CDE");
- Recommendations from the United States Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs and Office of Civil Rights ("OCR");
- Information from Parents
- All other relevant information available to the District.

As parents of a child with a disability, you have certain protections. Procedural safeguards for students with IEPs can be accessed on our website at: blogs.egusd.net/specialed/parent-informationtranslation/parent-rights. We are also happy to email or mail you a copy, at your request. If you need assistance in understanding your procedural rights, please contact your case manager.
We remain immensely grateful for your support, patience and collaboration as we continue to navigate these uncharted waters together.

Thank you,
EGUSD Leadership