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Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you well. I feel it is important to give you an update on what is happening in our schools in this uncertain time. The SCESD staff has been working hard to quickly learn the changes needed in a ‘Distance Learning’ environment, in order to help you and your student during this Covid-19 Extended School Closure.

I would like to explain to you, some of the current adjustments the SCESD and school partners have made to ensure we are helping to meet your student’s needs:

- Teachers are calling parents to check in on the family’s wellbeing, and to ask some questions about their needs. This is being done by your student’s life skills teacher, as well as your student’s general education teacher. School districts have been directed to do this as outlined in the Governor’s Order. The order is intended to keep students at home, in an effort to slow, and hopefully stop the spread of the Covid-19 virus.
- Related service providers will be calling you next week. Teachers calling home should be asking if you want these individuals to contact you. If they do not ask, please share that you would like to be contacted by the specific professionals providing school services to your child (PT, OT, Speech, Autism, Vision, Feeding, Nursing, Hearing).
- Your child’s life skills teacher will be your primary “go to” person when you need something. They will then share the information as needed onto the necessary related service provider and/or other school personnel.
- Your child’s life skills teacher will call you weekly. Their number will appear on your phone as a restricted or unlisted number, to protect their private phone numbers. If you are worried about picking up an unknown caller, please let us know, and we will make arrangements to email you, or have employees working out of the district SCESD office call you instead.

The main points I would like for you to understand at this time are; a) information changes so quickly, the SCESD is taking time to respond and develop meaningful and relevant supports that we anticipate our students and their families will need, b) as we progress forward in this new “Distance Learning” school year, I will send you updates such as this, and communicate to you areas in which the SCESD can provide assistance or guidance, c) we want to ensure that we are supporting you in supporting your student in your home...we need your help to know what it looks like to support your student right now.

I wish you all good health and well-being. If you have any questions or concerns, you can call and/or email me anytime. My phone number is 541.266.3939 and my email address is kathleens@scesd.k12.or.us. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to work through this together.

Take care,

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