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Parents and Guardians,

To comply with the Governor's school closure mandate and in an effort to ensure the health and safety of our St. Landry Parish students, the school district has developed a plan of action to provide optional home learning activities while schools remain closed. School closures and other unprecedented efforts directed by national, state, and local officials to move us safely through COVID-19 impacts our lives have affected the education of our children. We are all looking forward to the day when this crisis is behind us. In the meantime, please know that our students with disabilities are at the forefront of our concerns during this unprecedented time.

This letter serves as a supplement to our optional home learning activities. With regard to providing in-home support, I would like to encourage you to assist your child in completing these activities on a daily basis. You are encouraged to use accommodations and modifications as needed to keep your child on task. (For example, it's okay to only present only a few questions or math problems at a time. It's okay to work for a period of time and take a break. You can use calculators and you can read assignments aloud as necessary). Your assistance will help your child to move through these activities more effectively. We know that these are challenging times. Please try to use this opportunity to support your child's efforts in a positive way. All learning activities are entirely voluntary and will not be graded or checked, but we urge you to keep your child engaged in structured learning during this time period. Be sure to set a daily schedule and include scheduled breaks (including choices for having fun)!

Based on guidance from the U.S. Department of Education and the Louisiana Department of Education, we will not be holding IEP Team/IAP Team (Section 504) meetings until after public schools in St. Landry Parish resume. We are only postponing your child's annual IEP Team/IAP Team meeting until school resumes---when required IEP Team members (e.g., teachers and other service providers) will once again be available to actively participate in educational planning for your child. We propose to reconvene your child's IEP Team/IAP Team as soon as reasonably feasible after schools reopen.

Our district will continue to monitor the temporary school closure and will be preparing for the day when students can return to school.

It is my prayer that all our families remain healthy and safe during this time of uncertainty. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or the administrator at the school which your child attends.

Respectfully,

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