REQUEST FOR COVID-19 CONTINGENCY PLAN IEP MEETING

Date Delivered:

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From:

Parent/Guardian Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip Code:

Telephone Number:

Email:

To:

Director of Special Education:

School District/Charter School Name:

District Office Address:

City, State, Zip:

Email:

RE:

Student Name: Date of Birth:

Name of School: Grade:

Dear Director of Student Services

My child has a plan that entitles them to services and supports under the IDEA. I am writing to request an IEP meeting be held for my child as soon as possible and no later than the 30 calendar day timeline required under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The purpose of this meeting is to discuss how your district plans to provide special education services and supports to my child during the district’s closure due to the COVID-19 outbreak. These services and supports may be provided through alternative or additional methods such as distance learning, virtual instruction, instructional telephone calls, and other curriculum-based instructional activities.

Because of the high risk that children with disabilities not provided with their full IEP services during the outbreak will experience regression, it is essential that your district provide services to my child through reasonable means. The federal Department of Education has made clear that during the COVID-19 pandemic, children with disabilities should continue to receive their IEP services to the greatest extent possible. U.S. Department of Education, Questions and Answers on Providing Services to Children with Disabilities during the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Outbreak (March 2020), page 2; 34 C.F.R. §§ 300.101, 300.201. In California, SB 117 has impacted some timelines but not those related to parent-requested IEP meetings.

Given the safety concerns and shelter in place order, I understand that this meeting will need to be held through telephone or other virtual means. I also understand while every effort should be made to ensure that all required team members attend the meeting, certain team members may not be able to attend if they are ill, caring for others, or are otherwise unavailable. I would appreciate you identifying who can attend and who might be available to substitute for others in the form of an IEP excusal form as soon as possible. I am also willing to consider written reports by those who are unable to attend if necessary, with prior agreement.

Thank you for your prompt action regarding this request. I know these are challenging times, and appreciate your assistance. I look forward to meeting with the IEP team as soon as possible so that we can move forward in providing my child with the individualized education plan appropriate to my child’s unique needs to the extent possible at this time.

[Optional]:

* \_\_\_\_\_I will be recording this meeting, and this serves as the required 24 hour notice.
* \_\_\_\_\_I will be inviting the following individuals outside the school district team

as they can provide important information about my child’s current functioning

and needs:

Name: Contact Information:

Name: Contact Information:

Sincerely

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Your Signature (you can type this if necessary)

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Your typed or printed name

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