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SCHOOL CLOSURE CONTINGENT SPECIAL EDUCATION PLAN FOR CLOSURE AND POTENTIAL EXTENDED CLOSURE

March 18, 2020

Dear Families:

By separate communication, you received the notice of the decision to close school until April 3, 2020. The Hillsboro-Deering School District will make its best efforts to support all children during this closure and will work to maintain skills for students. This will involve electronic and/or telephonic access to our teachers, case managers and service providers. These staff will collaborate together to help support education planning for your child during the school closure. We recognize that during this closure, we may not be able to provide the same level of special education services that your child receives in their school setting. However, we will strive to provide your child with equal access to educational opportunities while respecting the health and safety of your family and our staff.

Staff will be reaching out as appropriate to speak with parents, guardians and caretakers about the educational programming for your child. Our case managers, service providers and other professionals will collaborate and communicate with classroom teachers and families to support the learning plans and activities teachers are developing for students. Together, we will seek to creatively make the best of this challenging set of circumstances.

In the event that this closure exceeds beyond ten (10) school days, we are prepared to take further measures to address the needs of students eligible for special education by providing support for growth on your child's IEP goals. The decision as to what is appropriate for each child may differ and will be an individualized determination.

Our thoughts and support are with you and your children as we partner with you to support their education. We remain dedicated to ensuring that your child receives a meaningful education at Hillsboro-Deering. If you have further questions, please reach out to your child's special education coordinator who will be closely monitoring planning and programming for students.

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