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Dear Families,

As all of you are no doubt aware, Governor Jay Inslee closed all schools in the state of Washington through April 24, in an effort to aggressively slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). This is an unprecedented time for our educational system and because of that there are many details we are working out on a daily basis. We appreciate your patience as we navigate a situation we have not experienced before. I want to assure you that there are two things we will never lose sight of: the significance of ensuring the safety of your family and our colleagues and the impact of this closure on your child's educational growth and development.

As partners in education, we recognize the significant consequences an extended school closure will have on our entire community including students, families and staff. Furthermore, we acknowledge the anxiety this may cause our parents and students. You may be wondering what to expect during the school closure related to your student's IEP and special education services. To that end, we have included a list of frequently asked questions to help address many of the common concerns about how special education services will be impacted by the extended school closure.

Additionally, you may expect weekly communication from your child's case manager. They will provide further communication with you in the upcoming days and weeks, collectively and individually, around the cancellation or rescheduling of IEP and evaluation meetings. They are also wanting to provide you with educational activities that align with the individualized needs of your child, in an effort to support your child's learning in every way possible.

After reviewing the attached frequently asked questions document we understand that many students and families may still have additional questions and we will do what we can to address them all. Please know that this is an evolving situation and we are committed to our laser focus on health, safety and educational opportunities for your children.

Sincerely,

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