

# School Board of Brevard County

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Mark W. Mullins, Ed.D., Superintendent



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Dear Parents,

On March 13, 2020, the Governor extended Spring Break for school districts until March 30, 2020. Beginning March 30, 2020, the Governor requested the closure of schools until April 15, 2020. The intent of this letter is to provide you with written notice of Brevard Public Schools' (BPS) intent to change the instructional model from face to face to remote learning. Due to the mandatory closure of school all students, including students with disabilities, will be participating in remote learning.

In these unprecedented times, we are working diligently to ensure students with disabilities are included in the district's instructional continuity plan to the same extent as all other students. This plan will include remote learning for specialized instruction and related services pursuant to your child's IEP, to the extent practicable. BPS did not change your child's placement. The contemplated temporary remote learning plan is only in effect during the time school is closed due to COVID-19. Upon schools reopening, your child's current IEP will be implemented, unless the IEP team is able to convene remotely during the closure of schools to review and revise temporary services, ESY or services to be implemented upon schools reopening. Instructional personnel and related service providers, if any, will contact you soon to discuss the temporary remote educational plan for your child.

Parents of children with disabilities have Procedural Safeguards protections based on the federal law, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). A copy of those procedural safeguards is located [here](#). If you need assistance in understanding your procedural safeguards, please contact your school ESE Support Specialist or the ESE Facilitator. A list of ESE Support Specialists and Facilitators by school is included with this letter.

You may be eligible to obtain low-cost legal assistance from Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida. If you are interested in pursuing this assistance, please contact them directly at (386) 255-5254. You may also contact the Family Liaison Project for free advice and assistance at (321) 242-6430, ext. 5004.

We have included with this correspondence the presentation from the School Board Meeting on March 24, 2020, regarding the BPS Student Services-ESE Continuity plan and a document from the United States Department of Education Office of Civil Rights and Special Education and Rehabilitative Services that addresses virtual/distance learning.

If you have any questions, please contact your ESE Support Specialist or Facilitator. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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