March 26, 2020

Dear YCOE Families,

Recently Governor Newsom ordered all of California’s 40 million residents to stay at home with exceptions for essential work, food or other needs. The COVID-19 pandemic is proving to be a rapidly evolving situation, generating a tremendous amount of news and information to which we must individually and collectively adapt.

**Learning from Home Resources**

Our work at the Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE) is specifically focused on the development of equitable, accessible, and innovative plans to address as many of our students’ needs as possible during this time. While no decision has been made to close schools through the balance of the school year, due to the expected long-term duration of closures, we are developing a multi-phase plan to serve our students. During the first phase of our plan, the YCOE Special Education department will be providing materials and resources for students and families to voluntarily access at home beginning Monday, March 30th until spring break. The second phase of our plan involves structured, teacher-directed distance learning that will provide continuity of learning for students, anticipating that our school closure will likely endure beyond the spring break. Distance learning involves educating students where the student and instructor are not in the same physical location. If a family does not have access to the Internet or a computer, in consultation with your family, other non-digital resources (which may include print materials, packets, phone calls, etc.) will be made available.

We will also begin providing some related special education services through phone, video conferencing, e-mail, videos, etc. during the week of March 30th. Your student’s IEP Case Manager/Teacher will reach out to you beginning Monday, March 30th to discuss our plans and gather your input.

We are currently assessing whether we may be able to conduct some annual IEP meetings virtually during school closures. We will be mailing home information about IEP meetings through a letter that will also address frequently asked questions in the next week.
Grab and Go Meals

As a reminder, we are pleased our school district partners are able to continue to provide breakfast and lunch to all school-age children age 18 and under. A map of all student meal service locations in Yolo County can be found at: bit.ly/FoodforYoloStudents

Stay healthy and well!

Sincerely,

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