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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we continue with remote learning through the end of the school year, the Integrated Services Department would like to provide families with a few updates. First, know that we recognize the challenges of remote learning. We know it is difficult to maintaining balance within your home, for some working while caring for children, and all the while working to stay healthy in mind and body. As stated best in a recent district community update, normally our days are divided up into variations of working, being home, driving, exercising, shopping, spending time with family/friends and sleeping. Most of these activities are missing, and we are learning every day about the challenges of and our ability to manage our new “normal.” The challenges aren’t stagnant. In fact, they evolve, adding to the struggle of developing healthy coping strategies for handling the cumulative impact of being at and working from home. Remember, we are all adapting the best way we know how, so be gentle with the expectations you place on yourself. And, ask for help if you are having a tough time and remember you are not alone. Know that we are aware of the many challenges and want to be part of creating solutions and success for our students.

Below are some important pieces of information to assist our students who access special education and related services through Integrated Services:

- The best place to find the most updated information can be found here:
  - The [PSD COVID-19 response web page](#) is updated;
  - [Larimer County Department of Health and Environment website](#);
  - Questions? We have answers - Find the latest information on our [COVID-19 FAQ web page](#).
- PSD has created a [Frequently Asked Questions guide](#) to answer the most common questions we receive. Please check out the FAQs;
- Services for students with disabilities will continue in the same timeframe that services for general education students occur;
- Evaluations and re-evaluations are occurring and if an evaluation cannot be conducted, communication will take place with the parents;
- Individual Education Plan (IEP) team meetings have been and will continue to be held, if they are due, through the end of the school year;

- For the students who are transitioning to another school level, special education staff will work with parents to schedule a remote transition meeting with the receiving school.
- Extended School Year (ESY): ESY is a related service provided to students who show significant regression on IEP goals and objectives, as well as significant challenges regaining skills lost following breaks such as Winter Break and the summer. ESY is intended to maintain skills on specific goals and objectives addressed in the IEP per the information above.
  - We will be providing ESY services this summer in a remote format to address maintenance of skills for those students who have qualified per their IEP;
  - If a student qualified for ESY through their IEP and a parent has not already registered their child for ESY, a letter will be coming to provide further information and another opportunity to register.
- Our Summer Assessment Team will conduct assessments remotely for any student new to Poudre School District. The assessments will be conducted remotely in situations where it is appropriate to do so;
- The Mary Hull Awards banquet was canceled, and a video celebration of nominees and recipients will be shared with the PSD community soon;
- Integrated Services has continued to monitor state and federal guidance regarding services to students with disabilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 2004 during the COVID 19 pandemic. We will continue to follow any guidance that comes forth.

We know the best connection for families is with school staff working directly with your child and you. Specific questions regarding your child's education are best answered by this team. If our leadership team can be of assistance, we are certainly very happy to help in any way we can.

Please take good care of yourself and your family. Although the challenges of this time are deep, I hope that you can also find the good in the world.

Sincerely,

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