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Dear Parent,

As I am sure you have heard numerous times by this point, we are in uncharted waters. As all schools are forced to shut their doors to traditional learning, Big Spring ISD has continued its commitment to education by working to transition over to a virtual learning format. In our pursuit to provide support for our students, the Big Spring ISD Special Education Department has been in contact with each campus and teacher and has proposed the following changes to how services will be delivered:

**Inclusion services-** Your child's case manager will reach out to you at least one time per week to discuss how they can be of assistance and to set up Zoom virtual learning sessions if appropriate. This option is not limited.

**Self-Contained Setting-** Your child's case manager will reach out to you at least two times per week to discuss how they can be of assistance and to set up Zoom virtual learning sessions if appropriate. This option is not limited.

**Speech Therapy-** Your child's speech assistant will reach out to you to discuss continuing services through Zoom or working on printed information. This option is limited to the amount of service time in your child's IEP.

**Counseling-** Your child's counselor will reach out to you to discuss continuing services through Zoom or working on printed information. This option is limited to the amount of service time in your child's IEP.

**Visual Impairment-** Your child's counselor will reach out to you to discuss continuing services through Zoom or working on printed information. This option is limited to the amount of service time in your child's IEP.

**Occupational or Physical Therapy-** If you would like for your child to continue their Occupational or Physical Therapy services you can contact Dora Roberts at 432-267-3806 to schedule an in office appointment. These services are still provided to your child with no charge to you.

**ARD Meetings-** The district will continue conducting ARD meetings as appropriate. However, you will be asked to participate by phone or through Zoom.

If you have any questions or concerns during this time please do not hesitate to reach out to the special education department at 432-264-4106 and we will be glad to assist. Additionally, if you have not heard from anyone regarding the continuance of these services please contact us to see what the problem might be. The special education department is here to help!



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