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Dear Families of Students with Disabilities,

As many of you are aware, the health crisis experienced worldwide has caused school districts across the nation and in New Mexico, including Bernalillo Public Schools (BPS), to close for the remainder of the school year. It is important for you to know that the district intends to provide services to eligible students while adhering to the most recent public health order issued by the Governor.

Special education and ancillary staff will be collaborating during the week of March 31 through April 3 to develop ways to provide distance learning to students with disabilities. Your child's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) will need to be modified during this closure period with your assistance and permission. Consequently, a staff member will be contacting you in the next few days as we value your input on how to best proceed in meeting your child's needs. Our goal is to implement your child's modified plan by April 20 or earlier if we are able.

In addition, special education and health services staff will resume with their other duties (our secondary priority) including scheduling and holding IEP meetings, conducting evaluations, processing referrals, developing health plans, and so forth once modified plans for services have been established for all eligible students. Needless to say, these efforts will not be perfect. In fact, there will be mistakes, problems, and concerns along the way so I ask for your continued patience, support, and understanding. We will get through this together as I am confident there will be more successes than shortcomings.

I hope each of you stay safe and healthy during this difficult time. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have questions, concerns, suggestions, or simply would like to talk further.

In partnership,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Baylor Del Rosario".

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