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Dear Parents and Guardians:

To help our state and nation combat the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), ESD 112's Early Intervention program, in collaboration with school districts, will begin serving children in this program virtually. We plan to provide services in this manner beginning March 18 – April 24, which aligns with the mandatory closure of school districts across the state, as was ordered by Governor Inslee. Our staff will continue to observe existing spring break weeks and services will not be provided during these weeks. Staff will remind you of those break times because they vary based on individual school districts schedules.

Virtual Early Intervention Service Options

We have several options available to provide virtual early intervention services between March 18 and April 24. We can provide services virtually to you and your child through video conferencing systems such as ZOOM or FaceTime or through phone calls and emails. ZOOM video conferencing is the preferred platform for services and your provider will send you an invite to join a visit through an email with a link to open the session at scheduled time. You can download the ZOOM application on your phone, tablet or computer. We will work individually with families to determine the best and most appropriate ways to access services during school closures.

In addition to virtual visits with you and your child, your provider will continue to provide resources to you and your family during this period.

I understand this is a challenging and unprecedented time. I am available to answer your questions and work together to find solutions. Thank you for your flexibility and understanding.

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