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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I hope this communication finds you and your families healthy and safe. We are now beginning our second week of distance learning using a combination of the learning materials mailed home to students as well as several digital resources. We are predominantly using Google Classroom to deliver remote instruction as this platform is familiar to our students and they have school accounts including email set up for their use. Our teachers have been providing support to families and students to ensure that they can access Google Classroom and other educational accounts provided. If you are still having difficulty, please reach out directly to your child’s teacher via email. Please have your children check their emails regularly as teachers will be communicating directly with them as well as parents as we move forward.

In addition to instructional services, we are also exploring ways to provide remote service delivery that will best meet the needs of individual students. These methods will vary dependent on many factors and may include a variety of modalities such as video and telephone conferencing as well as online Google Classroom and emailed assignments. Modalities used will be approved by your child’s home school district. Our providers will be contacting families directly via email to communicate information regarding service and schedules. Group services will only be provided via Google Classroom at this time. All teachers, clinicians, and related service providers will continue to be available via email for questions regarding schedules, materials and how best to support your child while they learn at home. Please see email addresses for providers at the end of this letter for your convenience.

Please know that we recognize that the changes to all our lives mean that your schedules have been disrupted and may be extremely variable given the needs in your individual homes. We are committed to continuing to work with all our families to ensure that learning continues in the best way possible for all of our students. As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns. Currently the best way to reach out is via email jwalker@swboces.org. I have heard from many of you already and I will continue respond to all questions as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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