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Dear Butler School District 53 Parent/Guardian:

As we continue to provide Remote Learning through e-Learning during the Illinois State Board of Education's (ISBE) designated Remote Learning Days, the District will be expanding opportunities to interact with students, including students eligible for special education and related services under the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*, via live stream video conference. The District will utilize different platforms including, but not limited to *Google Meet*. This transition is an initial step in providing individual and group instructional and related service opportunities.

Please be aware that the use of third-party virtual platforms creates potential privacy risks, such as risks related to encryption reliability, unauthorized access, data breaches and/or student access to non-school sponsored content. In addition, the platform may use, maintain, and/or disclose information gathered in connection with virtual sessions for its own purposes, including purposes related to product development and/or marketing. While these privacy risks do exist, our staff is taking all reasonable measures to ensure the confidentiality and security of information exchanged while supporting students through these virtual platforms.

School staff will communicate with you as to when videoconferencing activities and opportunities will be available for your student – either for individual or group instruction. If your student is participating in a group instructional or related service session, we ask that you ensure that your student is in a quiet, school-work designated space and/or using headphones and that your student's device is non-public facing. It is important that students and parents maintain information learned about other students in a confidential manner. Furthermore, no session may be recorded by students or parents in any manner.

We appreciate your continued partnership and flexibility during these exceptional circumstances. If you have any questions regarding virtual platforms, the District's use of videoconferencing to provide educational activities and opportunities, or concerns related to your student's participation in virtual educational activities and opportunities, please email me.

Sincerely,

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