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ASSESSMENT DELAYS	On [date] I requested that the District conduct an assessment for my child in the area of []. Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. § 1414(a)(1)(C)(i) the District has 60 days to conduct the assessment and hold an IEP meeting after receiving parent consent. Both my initial request and this correspondence indicate consent to this assessment. Any waivers provided by Senate Bill 117 does not apply to federal law. If the District cannot comply with the requirement to assess my child, then I am seeking that the District contract with a private provider as an alternative option, pursuant to guidance by the California Department of Education on March 17, 2020 and April 9, 2020.
REQUEST FOR ACCOMMODATIONS FOR DISTANCE LEARNING	My child has been unable to access distance learning due to []. I am requesting an IEP meeting to determine what accommodations are necessary to ensure that my child's IEP can be executed in a distance learning environment. Cal. Educ. Code § 56345
REQUEST FOR IN PERSON SERVICES DURING SCHOOL CLOSURES	Pursuant to guidance from the California Department of Education on April 9, 2020, I am requesting that the District provide my child with in-person services. My child needs in-person services to maintain his/her mental and physical health and safety, as well as for the purpose of supporting his/her in accessing distance learning. My child requires [select one or more: psychological services, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and/or behavioral therapy] in person because [describe why your child needs it to maintain their health and safety]. These service providers are essential critical infrastructure workers, as defined by Executive Order N-33-20, and therefore the District is not precluded from providing the service in person.

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REQUEST FOR COMPENSATORY EDUCATION	During the time period that my child was at home as a result of school closures, he/she was denied a free and appropriate education because he/she did not receive the following services in her IEP: [list services]. Even when the school provided the services, he/she could not access those services because [list reason the services could not be accessed].
	Even when the school provided the services, he/she did not benefit from the services, which caused her to lose skills and experience learning loss in the areas of: [list the areas that skills were lost].
	Pursuant to the March 16, 2020 Guidance from the Office of Civil Rights and Cal. Educ. Code §4350, I am requesting [insert # of hours] of compensatory services in the area of [insert area] provided by a nonpublic agency in order to make up for the skills that my child lost during school closures.
	I have provided a chart that documents the above issues. Please schedule an IEP meeting to discuss the request, or provide a prior written notice pursuant to 20 U.S.C. § 1415(b)(3).

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