Ute Pass BOCES

Serving the Special Needs of Cripple Creek-Victor, Manitou Springs and Woodland Park School Districts

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Dear Parents,

As the Director of Special Education of Manitou Springs, Cripple Creek-Victor, and the Woodland Park School Districts, I wanted to reach out during this uncertain time and communicate about special education services for the 2020-21 School Year.

As you have begun to receive the plans for the various school districts' reopening, please be assured that your student's special needs will be addressed through their Individualized Education Plan according to the impact of each child's disability.

School Environment

- Masks – All students will be required to wear masks according to state and local mandates, except for students who are unable to wear masks due to their disability, as determined by their IEP Team.
- Social Distancing – Every effort will be made to comply with state and local policies, however, students' needs for closer proximity will be provided according to their IEP with appropriate PPE

Service Provision

Students will receive the services designed in their IEP regardless of the school scenarios. (In-Person, Hybrid, Remote, or Online)

- Students with an IEP will be offered the opportunity to attend school /services in-person each day. We will be sending you a survey asking you to tell us if you want your child to attend every day, regardless of the District Learning Option at the time.
- Services may also be delivered remotely for families who choose this option, or in the event that in-person learning is not allowed by government entities
- Services "Outside of General Ed Class" will be provided in a separate class in a small group with students in the same cohort, with the tables cleaned and disinfected between each group session
- In the case of a mandatory Stay at Home order, where some students may be allowed to receive in-person services, the IEP Team will determine if in-person or remote services are most appropriate for the student based on their growth and progress.

IEP Meetings

IEP and Evaluation meetings will be held by their due dates either remotely or in-person, in compliance with district/school visitor policies.

Compensatory Services

In the unlikely event that the district/BOCES cannot provide the services designed in the IEP due to staff unavailability, those services will be made up at a later time and documented in the IEP

Q an A for Families of Students with Disabilities

We will be offering a Remote Q and A in each district for parents of students with disabilities. We will send you a link to join or call in.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions

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