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Re: Annual Notification for Parentally-Placed Private School Students

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

All children with disabilities eligible for special education who reside in Ripon Unified School District's (District), attendance area, also referred to as the District of Residence/District of Special Education Accountability (DOR), are entitled to receive a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) from the DOR if they are enrolled in a DOR public school.

The Ripon Unified School District understands that you have chosen to voluntarily exercise your right to enroll/maintain enrollment of your student in a private school within jurisdictional boundaries of the Ripon Unified School District during the 2022-23 school year. Further, the DOR has not placed the student in a private school as a means of providing services. Additionally, the District has not received any notification that you have an interest in pursuing a public school education. Thus, your student is a parentally-placed private school student under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA). (34 C.F.R. § 300.130.) As a parentally-placed private school student, your child does not have an individual right to some or all of the special education and related services that children would receive if enrolled in a public school in the District. (34 C.F.R. § 300.130.)

Since the District has not received any notification from you that you are interested in pursuing a public school education from the District, the District will assume that you have no interest in pursuing a public school education in the District. The District will also assume that you continue to choose to exercise your right to place your student in a private school, and s/he will remain a parentally-placed private school student for the 2022-23 school year, without individual rights to special education services under FAPE through the District.

If the above assumption is incorrect, and you are interested in a public school education at this time or at any time in the future, and you remain a resident of the District, please advise the District by contacting Ripon Unified School District's Student Services Department at (209) 599-2131, ext. 1141. If the District receives notification that you would like to pursue a public education for your student, the District will be glad to provide instructions for you to enroll your student in the District's public school, provide you with an assessment plan and schedule an individualized education program meeting to discuss placement and services for your student.

Students who attend a parentally-placed private school within the DOR's boundaries may be eligible to receive an individual service plan. DOR's records indicate that your student currently receives services through a service plan. Service plans will continue next school year for eligible students whose parents choose to exercise their right to have their student remain enrolled in a parentally-placed private school. Consultation between District and private school representatives confirm that for as long as federal funds are available, speech language services will remain the priority.

In summary, the District of Residence:

- Continues to offer a FAPE in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations; and
- Is ready, willing, and able to schedule an IEP team meeting for your student in order to offer the student a FAPE, subject to assessment, if appropriate, if parents choose to enroll their student in public school.

Sincerely,

Lisa Mazza  
Director of Student Services, Ripon Unified School District