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Dear Parent or Guardian,

This letter is to notify you of your option to enroll your student for in-person instruction or independent study during the 2021-22 school year. You have the right to request a pupil-parent-educator conference meeting before enrollment for in-person instruction or independent study.

Independent Study

Independent study is an alternative to classroom instruction consistent with a school district's course of study and is not an alternative curriculum. Students who participate in independent study take the same courses as students in regular classes.

Pupils enrolled in independent study receive 1 hour a week of one-on-one instruction delivered in person, or in the form of internet or telephonic communications, and involving live two-way communication between the teacher of record and pupil (synchronous instruction). The student must complete the remaining weekly school assignments and work on their own time (asynchronous instruction).

Independent study must be the choice of the student, parent, guardian, or caregiver. School districts cannot force students into independent study programs. Parents my disenroll or reenroll their student from independent study at any time during the semester.

Pupils may be disenrolled if satisfactory progress in one or more courses is not being made. The pupil will then be referred to the regular school program or an alternative program. Satisfactory educational progress shall be determined based on all of the following:

- (i) The pupil's achievement and engagement in the independent study program, as indicated by the pupil's performance on applicable pupil-level measures of pupil achievement and pupil engagement that includes pupil achievement on statewide assessments, UC a-g course completion, English learner language proficiency progress, attendance, or discipline.
- (ii) The completion of assignments, assessments, or other indicators that evidence that the pupil is working on assignments.
- (iii) Learning required concepts, as determined by the supervising teacher.
- (iv) Progressing toward successful completion of the course of study or individual course, as determined by the supervising teacher.

To set up a conference about enrolling your student in independent study, please call the Learning Director at your High School.