

## **Southwest Cook County Cooperative Association for Special Education “Opt-In” for Remote Learning**

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, Illinois is operating under a five-phased plan referred to as *Restore Illinois*. Under Phase 4 of *Restore Illinois*, Illinois schools can return to in-person instruction by adhering to the Illinois Department of Public Health’s (IDPH) safety guidance. Southwest Cook County Cooperative Association for Special Education (SWCCCASE) is committed to providing in-person instruction for students during the 2020-2021 school term while following the safety standards identified by IDPH. SWCCCASE students are expected to return to school for instruction and cooperate with the implementation of safety protocols. While in-person instruction provides our students the optimal service delivery option, SWCCCASE understands that remote learning may be the preferred service delivery option for some of our parents/guardians. In an effort to accommodate the needs of our school community during this unprecedented time, parents/guardians may opt out of in-person instruction and request that remote learning be the model of education for their child while we remain in Phase 4 of *Restore Illinois*.

As the parent/guardian, you acknowledge that while SWCCCASE will provide full remote learning instruction to your child if you choose to forego in-person instruction and opt in to remote learning, remote learning may not involve a live stream of classroom instruction or the opportunity for immediate feedback/responses from teachers and other service providers. If your child requires group-based services, you will be asked to separately sign an agreement for the remote provision of group special education and/or related services. A Student Remote Learning Plan will be developed to capture the educational supports that will be provided to your child.

Your signature below acknowledges your agreement with the above statements and indicates that you have chosen, on behalf of your child, to forego in-person instruction and instead have your child only participate in remote learning with SWCCCASE. This choice will be effective for the first semester of the 2020-2021 school term, unless there is a material change in circumstances that warrants a return to in-person instruction.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Program: \_\_\_\_\_

**This form must be returned no later than July 28, 2020.**