

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Between
SIMI EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION
And
SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMMING PLAN DUE TO COVID 19 VIRUS
2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Addendum 3: Conducting In-Person Assessments

The Simi Valley Unified School District (“District”) and Simi Educators Association (“Association”) enter this Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) regarding the 2020-2021 school year.

The Parties recognize there is a need to modify the school calendar, adjust instructional models and move to an alternative learning plan to allow for social distancing as recommended by public health officials in order to prevent the spread of illness arising from the coronavirus during the 2020-2021 school year.

The Parties recognize that the COVID-19 situation is very fluid and mutually agree to review the provisions of this MOU and make necessary changes consistent with any new federal/state/county mandates. Either party may initiate a discussion about this MOU when changes occur throughout the 2020/21 academic year.

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires public school systems to conduct special education assessments as part of child find obligations. The Ventura County Public Health Department has approved school districts in Ventura County to conduct in-person special education assessments. Most assessments can be administered through videoconferencing except for some standardized assessments. In order to comply, the SVUSD and SEA agree that the following measures will be taken to identify in-person assessors.

1. 100% in-person standardized testing positions will be sought for SAI academic assessments from employees of the District.
2. Volunteers will be sought to conduct in-person standardized assessments on a student-by-student basis.
 - a. SAI unit members who have 24 or more students on their caseloads and who volunteer to test outside of their caseload will receive a \$50 per student for conducting assessments and writing the assessment results report. The assessments results will be sent to the school psychologist or case manager to present at the IEP Meeting.
 - b. SLP unit members (assigned to JK-Postsecondary) who volunteer to test outside of their caseload will receive a \$50 per student for conducting assessments and writing the assessment results report. The assessments results will be sent to the school psychologist or case manager to present at the IEP Meeting.
 - c. JELA SLP unit members who have 34 or more students on their caseloads who volunteer to test outside of their caseload will receive a \$50 per student for conducting assessments and writing the assessment results report.

The assessments results will be sent to the school psychologist or case manager to present at the IEP Meeting.

3. The District will reach out to hire an outside agency to conduct the assessment.
4. If options 1-3 are unsuccessful in securing assessors, unit members will be brought in to complete the assessment.

The District will provide all necessary and appropriate PPE. The District will provide a list of protocols necessary to maintain a safe assessment environment. See Appendix B for the protocols approved by VCPH.

- a. All tools necessary to complete the assessments shall be provided.

The funding to fulfil the terms of this MOU expires on December 31, 2020. If we are still in 100% virtual learning mode at that time, SVUSD and SEA agree to discuss the terms outlined in MOU Addendum 3.