

Iluv Kids  
Superintendent  
Beavers Reign School District

June 1, 2023

Dear Mrs. Smith,

SB 819B is a new law that may impact the length of your child's school day. You can review the law at XXXX, but this letter summarizes what the law does. It also explains how you can request that your child be returned to a full time school program if you wish to do so.

**This new law clearly defines abbreviated (shortened) school days<sup>1</sup> and ends the ability of school districts or other educational programs to shorten the school days of children with disabilities<sup>2</sup> over the objections of their parents.<sup>3</sup>**

Under the new law, school districts and most other educational programs cannot provide abbreviated school days without a signed parental consent and a clear explanation of why the abbreviated school day placement was chosen. Even when a student is on an abbreviated school day program with a parent's consent, IEP teams must now meet more frequently to monitor the program and work towards moving the student back to a full school day. Those meetings must take place every 30 days unless the parent chooses to meet less often.<sup>4</sup>

School districts are not required to seek consent for students who are currently receiving abbreviated school days until the next meeting of the IEP team. However, any student who is already receiving abbreviated school days must be returned to full time school if their parents send a written objection to the shortened day placement and a request return to full school days. **Once the district receives that written objection, the district must return the student to full time school within 5 school days. If the district fails to do this, the student will be entitled to 1 hour of compensatory education for every 2 hours of time that the student was denied after that 5 school days.**

As the parent of a child who currently receives abbreviated school days, you may now direct that your child be returned to full school days. If that is your wish, the district must now make that happen no later than five school days after receiving your written objection to continued abbreviated school days. Also, if you send this objection during the summer at least 14 days prior to the start of school, the district must allow your child to start school full time on the first day of the new school year.

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<sup>1</sup> Under the new definition, an abbreviated school day program is a program in which a student with a disability is offered access to fewer hours of instruction and education services than the majority of other students in the same grade in the student's resident school district.

<sup>2</sup>This includes students on IEPs, students who have 504 Plans, and students who are in the process of being evaluated for special education.

<sup>3</sup> Under most circumstances, every student now has the right to attend school full time, but the new law makes exceptions for students who have been suspended or expelled for serious offenses.

<sup>4</sup> But at least once every 90 days during the time the student is receiving abbreviated school days.

Our school year begins on 9/6/2023. This means that if you want your student to return to full time school on the first day of school for the 2023-24 school year, we must receive your written letter of objection to your child's abbreviated day placement no later than Wednesday, August 23. Your letter should be emailed to [admin@schooldistrict.com](mailto:admin@schooldistrict.com)

If you have questions about this new law or about how it impacts your student you can contact \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_. You can also receive assistance by contacting the following organizations:

**Oregon Department of Education** (Add Contact Information)

**FACT Oregon** (Add Contact Information)

**Disability Rights Oregon** (Add Contact Information)

Sincerely,

Iluv Kids  
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