

Sample Letter of Parental Concern re Distance Learning

Any epilepsy surgery - behavioral challenges

Date

Special Education Teacher or Special Education Director
School Name
Address
City, State Zip Code

Dear _____ :

As you know, my child underwent _____ surgery to control intractable epilepsy. After epilepsy surgery, my child has [significant behaviors / classic autism / high anxiety / attention and behavior issues.]

Remote instruction has been difficult for [him/her] because [he/she] is unable to maintain attention during virtual meetings, follow teacher-directed whole class instruction independently or with virtual support from a paraprofessional, and/or complete the assigned activities even with modifications by the special education teacher in the home environment.

We request an IEP meeting to discuss additional support via:

- telehealth or other virtual school based counseling or mental health services;
- consultation with a district behavior specialist to support [Child] in the home setting (e.g., behavior de-escalation strategies, positive behavior reward charts); and/or
- Our child's behavioral needs are so severe that [Child] requires 1:1 face-to-face behavioral services in the home, following social distancing and other health guidelines.

If you do not have enough staff to provide the services, we would like to discuss whether the school district can pay a non-public agency to provide these services.

Please advise the earliest date for the IEP meeting.

Sincerely,

[Your name]