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## Kaleb's IEP status

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To: Anne Rigali in Special Education <arigali@egusd.net>

Cc: Bindy Grewal in Elem Ed <bgrewal@egusd.net>

Dear Mrs. Rigali.

Thank you for supporting our urgent request to amend Kaleb's IEP with the correct verbiage regarding his frequent mouthing of objects at school. Kaleb's preschool teacher, Mr. Jim Thao, has documented that this behavior does occur in the classroom and verbally confirmed its persistence during the May 1, 2024 IEP meeting. Mr. Thao noted that Kaleb "Often hold and put objects in mouth" as he completed Kaiser Permanente's Caregiver/Teacher Questionnaire in November 2023. A copy of Mr. Thao's completed questionnaire can be found here: <https://docs.siterubix.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/11.28.2023-Kaleb-Xiongs-Teacher-Questionnaire-Jim-Thao-Final.pdf>.

Also, we appreciate your guidance on amending the Assessment Plan. A complete multidisciplinary psycho-educational evaluation, including a Functional Behavior Assessment, is necessary to fully understand and address Kaleb's behaviors, including his mouthing of objects. We did not discuss this during the phone call, but Kaleb also often engages in many other behaviors (stimming in the form of twirling, wall/counter trailing, which are not due to his blindness, and flapping his legs while on his stomach as a way to self-soothe). For your reference, in December 2023, Kaleb was diagnosed by Dr. Morgen Aita with Autism Spectrum Disorder in the moderate to severe range, Language Disorder, and Global Developmental Delay. You can review Dr. Aita's psychological assessment here: <https://kaleb.workwithyang.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Xiong-Kaleb-Psychological-Evaluation-12.13.2023.pdf>. We've signed the Assessment Plan and submitted it to EGUSD on 6/24/2024, but please amend it for the assessment to be a complete multidisciplinary psycho-educational evaluation, including a Functional Behavior Assessment.

Lastly, regarding amending/rewriting the IEP, I would like to provide comments and suggested verbiage. I will work on this over the weekend and give you my suggestions by early next week.

Again, thank you for your understanding and support of our requests and for agreeing to expedite the assessment.

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