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EDSP 307 Exceptional Learners Lab
NCUR Reflection

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The covid-19 pandemic has impacted me as a student in a few ways, for one I am one of the ones that is compromised and is more likely to get the virus because I have Cystic Fibrosis. Due to the virus I have had to move home to my family's ranch outside of Big Timber, MT and that has been a bit of a transition, I have no cell service here, very limited and slow WiFi and I have a few more roommates than anticipated. When it comes to the transition to online classes it has been an adjustment, I have a bit of a difficult time staying motivated and positive about the whole situation but I am doing my best. The things I mentioned above have impacted me as a student in more negative ways, not having good WiFi causes me to receive emails at a slower rate, I have to ask my family to get off the WiFi when I have to submit an assignment so it will actually upload, and it has caused me to feel stressed and anxious.

As a future educator the kinds of things that I would do for my students and their families is first make some goodie bags full of things that they can use for fun and with direct lessons that I have created. In order to stay connected I would set up a time for a video conference with each family once a week, we would discuss the lessons they've been working on, activities they have completed, and what kinds of things they are doing to stay connected. I would be emailing parents throughout the week to find out how I could better support them and what I could do to improve the distant learning for students. I would provide the parents with a lesson plan each morning, Monday through Friday and I would provide them with a list of resources they could access from home. In order to stay connected to family I would be calling, texting,and video chatting as much as possible. I would also start a group message through text,Instagram or some

other social media platform in order to share funny videos, memes, photos, etc. this way it gives everyone something positive and relieves a bit of stress for a quick moment.

The ways in which you can support me in the rest of the semester is please be patient as I have limited WiFi, I am trying to do my best and stay on top of everything but sometimes things slip between the cracks. So far you have done a great job and I am sad that we won't get a chance to meet in person again this semester. Please let me know if there is anything that I can do for you during this difficult time, I am always happy to do what I can! Thank you for all your hard work in continuing to make this an enjoyable course that I love!