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Dear Parent/Guardian,

In this unprecedented time in our history, it is our greatest concern and desire to protect everyone's health and support our students and families as we navigate teaching and learning through a distance learning platform. To that end, I wanted to share some information that you may need concerning your child.

ARD Meetings:

Beginning immediately, all ARDs will be held using conference call or Google Meet. We are attempting to conduct all ARDs without interruption, but there may be some need for rescheduling. Your child's Diagnostician or Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) will reach out to you to determine the best mode of communication for your child's ARD meeting.

Instruction:

Due to school building closures, all instruction will move to either an online or distance learning paper/pencil format beginning March 30, 2020. Instruction and Related Services as specified in your child's IEP will be provided to the greatest extent possible during this time. In many cases we will have to adjust how we are providing these services, but we should be able to provide them in some way, even during this distance learning environment.

Although there is no "one size fits all" approach to special education – whether it is virtual or in person – I am providing the information below so that you can have an idea of how services might be delivered to your child as we move together through this new experience. We have given a lot of thought to how to provide services while still keeping students, families and staff safe. I hope the following information is helpful:

Accommodations and Modifications will be provided to the extent possible, as specified in your child's IEP by the teacher(s) or in-class support staff (as they would be if provided in a regular classroom environment).

Adapted PE will be provided through activities sent to you that can be done in the home environment.

Auditory Services will be provided to the extent possible while online or distance learning instruction continues. Resources and information about instruction and assignments as well as accessing auditory information in an online format compatible with your child's needs will be provided to you.

Dyslexia services will be provided through activities sent to you that can be done in the home environment.

Occupational Therapy will be provided through activities sent to you that can be done in the home environment and through communication with you via telephone or Google Meet.

Physical Therapy will be provided through activities sent to you that can be done in the home environment and through communication with you via telephone or Google Meet.

Speech Therapy will be provided in a variety of formats to meet the individual needs of students. Some speech goals will be served through phone calls or other direct means while other communication goals will be better served through digital resources or lessons which are listed on the Speech Therapy google classroom. The code to join this platform is jwa6jrk

Vision Services will be provided to the extent possible while online or distance learning instruction continues. Vision providers or your child's special education teacher, will be in contact with you to determine the best way to meet the needs of your child during online or distance learning instruction.

Parent Communication:

Providers for all services will be in contact with you to check on student progress and to offer assistance as needed. If your child receives direct instruction from a special education teacher, then they will follow-up with you regularly regarding your child's progress. If your child receives instruction from a general education teacher, the special education teacher or case manager will follow-up with the general education teacher regularly regarding your child's progress. Direct contact with you or your child may also be made depending on the needs of your child.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's school if you have any questions or concerns as we work our way through online or distance learning. This is new territory for all of us; we encourage and appreciate your feedback and support.

Once the school buildings open, all services as specified in your child's IEP will continue. Additionally, service providers will be looking for indicators that compensatory services might be needed due to the change in methodologies due to school closure. Please communicate with your Diagnostician or SLP if you see signs of needed compensatory services so that we can quickly consider those needs in an ARD meeting. Again, it is our greatest desire to protect everyone's health while providing the best services possible in this new social distancing environment.

Sincerely,

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