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Dear Parents and Guardians of Students with Special Needs and/or Parents of Students in the Referral Process,

We certainly hope that this notice finds you and your loved ones safe and healthy. While much of the landscape of what the future holds remains uncertain, we are writing to provide a brief update on special education plans and supports.

Child Study Team Meetings and Evaluations

We continue to successfully conduct Annual Review meetings via online platforms such as Google Meet/Hangout, ZOOM and Freeconferencecall.com. Additionally, we have conducted Reevaluation, Identification, and IEP review meetings.

The challenges of conducting evaluations during this time period have been significant. We have continued to conduct any assessments virtually, that were feasible to do so. We have postponed some assessments that require face to face interactions in order for the assessment results to be valid. As a result, we will continue to delay necessary evaluations until Governor Murphy relaxes social distance requirements that are preventing us from administering in-person evaluations. However, we have directed our CST to ensure that all students who are pending initial eligibility or reevaluations are not denied needed services based solely on our inability to complete evaluations. In these circumstances, our team, in collaboration with parents, will determine the need for specialized instruction where other sources of data demonstrate a clear need for specialized services. We will make every reasonable effort to provide those services in good faith until formal CST evaluations can be completed.

Progress Reports

IEP progress reports are now going to be available online effective June 1, 2020 via the Genesis Parent Portal for viewing. You will be able to access your child's progress reports by utilizing the same username and password you currently use to gain access into the parent portal. *Please note, this feature will replace the paper copy sent to your home.* If you would prefer to opt-out of this feature and continue to receive a paper copy mailed to your home each marking period, please email your request to opt-out the Child Study Team secretary in your child's school before May 28, 2020.

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Related Services

For the past several weeks, we have been providing related services (Occupational Therapy, Speech/Language Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Counseling) in a 1:1 and/or small group virtual format or via activities delivered through learner email. If for whatever reason, you or your child has not connected with his/her related service provider, please reach out to your case manager to facilitate that connection.

Social and Emotional Well-Being

This is a challenging time for us all, particularly for children and adults with pre-existing challenges associated with anxiety and depression, among others. Our district counseling websites have several resources if you or someone in your family requires some additional support.

If your student is having difficulty accessing his/her online programming due to attention/focus issues, an Occupational Therapist has developed [a tip sheet](#) that we hope you find helpful.

We hope you have found this update helpful and informative; please continue to engage your student's support team, including case managers, teachers, and therapists. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us for further guidance and assistance.

Again, our most pressing hope is that you and your family are well.

With best regards,

The Special Education Department

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