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Dear Parents,

The Levittown School District is keeping up to date every day with the rapidly evolving Coronavirus situation and the information provided by Local, State and Federal health authorities. We know that this can be a stressful time for all, especially our students. The Special Education Department is here to support our families and students throughout this time as well as in the event of an extended school closing. Unfortunately at this time, the State in conjunction with the Department of Health has suspended all face to face services including home services and evaluations.

Please note that as a district, teachers will be utilizing Edmodo to communicate with their students. As a department, we have decided to utilize the same mode of communication for some of our Special Education services. Through the Edmodo App, you will be able to send a message to your child's teacher or provider.

In preparation for a possible extended closure, the department has developed a plan for the continuation of special education supports to the extent possible. Please review the information below regarding the plan for the continuation of special education services.

Resource Room

Your child's resource room teacher will be utilizing Edmodo as the primary means of communication. The teacher will be posting assignments and materials related to your child's IEP goals.

Integrated Co-Teaching Services

As mentioned above, all teachers in the district will be utilizing Edmodo as the primary means of communication. The special education teacher and general education teacher will be continuing to work together to provide instruction and activities in the event of an extended closing. The lessons will be meaningful and support the continuation of instruction.

Special Classes

If your child is in a special class (6:1:2, 8:1:2, 12:1:1, 15:1:1), their teacher will be utilizing Edmodo as the primary means of communication. The teacher will be posting lessons that are meaningful and support your child's individual education goals.

Speech and Hearing Services

Your child's speech teacher will be utilizing Edmodo to provide activities and instruction targeting your children's individual speech needs and goals. Materials will be added to address student's individual goals and needs.

Individual Counseling

If your child is receiving individual counseling, their provider will be in contact with you. They may contact you via phone or email. The frequency and duration of communication will be determined by individual student needs. At the discretion of the parent and the provider, the student may be included in the communication.

Group Counseling

For students who participate in group counseling, providers will be utilizing various modes such as telephone, email, and Edmodo to communicate and provide materials and activities related to your child's individual needs and goals.

Occupational and Physical Therapy

We are currently working with agencies to have our therapists continue services. Services may be provided through phone, skype, Zoom or pre-prepared packets (which would be individualized to address your child's needs and IEP goals). Packets with completed work would be returned to school when it reopens. Providers will be reaching out by Friday March 27, 2020.

Parent Training/Behavior Intervention Services

We are asking our Parent Trainers to continue to provide support to our families. Services will continue to be provided via phone, skype, zoom, and educational packets. Providers will be reaching out by Friday March 27, 2020.

CSE Meetings

In the event of an extended school closing all efforts will be made to convene the CSE meetings. Further information will be provided as needed.

In the event of an extended closure, teachers and administration will be available to support your child. Below is the contact information for the Special Education Administrative Team. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us.

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