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Dear Parents,

As I previously indicated the following update regarding guidelines from the DOE (Department of Education) is being provided to you.

Extended School Year:

The district has determined that providing ESY via a remote learning platform will be the best practice at this time. The Governor's orders prohibiting in school instruction remain in effect at this time. Current guidelines require us to ensure services are available via remote instruction. Individual decisions regarding recommendations for ESY will be made via the IEP process as required by the N.J. Special Education Regulations.

Evaluation/Re-Evaluation:

As a result of the extended closure of our schools due to the COVID-19 crisis, the district will be conducting identification meetings, referrals, evaluations, re-evaluations and IEP's remotely, in order to avoid any delay in services. Parents will be contacted to discuss specific implementation procedures. Timelines as established by N.J. Special Education Regulations will be maintained to the best of the district's ability under restrictions due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Compensatory Education Services:

All compensatory education services decisions will be made on an individual basis via the IEP process in consideration of student needs and the district's comprehension education transition plan for all students during the re-opening process.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's case manager or myself if you have any questions.

We are focused on meeting the needs of our students and being responsive to our parents.

Thank you for your continued support.

Stay well and safe!

Sincerely,

Dr. Diane Willard
Director of Child Study Team Services

cc: Dr. George Rafferty, Superintendent
Principals