

August 5, 2020

Special Education Parent Community,

We know that this has been an atypical summer for all of us. However, we do hope that you and your family have found some time to spend with each other and at least enjoy the beautiful weather. As we prepare for the upcoming school year, we write to share an update regarding our plan to evaluate and address any learning loss your child may have experienced during Emergency Distance Learning in the spring of 2020.

Currently, the District is not allowed to resume any in person instruction due to the Governor's orders. As you are aware, our reopening is dependent on the State's monitoring list. We all hope that Orange County is removed from the monitoring list soon, so that in person instruction and services can begin for parents who have chosen that instructional model for their children.

We understand that when students begin instruction they will be anxious to interact with their friends while also adjusting to learning virtually or at school with social distancing protocols in place. To that end, we want to ensure that our plan to address potential learning loss gives students ample time to adjust to their new learning environment and naturally recoup any skills that may have been lost over the summer. With that in mind, throughout the first quarter of instruction, special education service providers will be working to probe for baseline data on your child's goals. As we mentioned in previous communication, we will be sending home goal progress reporting data at the end of the 1st reporting period. Our staff will then compare the goal probing data with your child's last goal progress report to determine any learning loss that may have occurred.

Once the staff compares the goal probing data with the previous progress report, we will be contacting you concerning the need for any COVID related services due to a learning loss that may have occurred and to obtain your input, as well. This communication will happen after the 1st goal progress reporting period in the month of November. We will be in touch with more details about how those services can be accessed after the determination concerning COVID related services is made.



We are committed to maintaining the timeline above and we appreciate your continued flexibility and understanding as we traverse these ever changing times. If you have further questions concerning COVID related services or the process to evaluate the need for them, please contact the Program Specialist that works with your child's school.



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