



## THE EWING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Families of Special Education Students,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. The Special Services Department continues to deliver specially designed instruction outlined in each student's IEP to the fullest extent possible during virtual learning. Special Education teachers and related service providers utilize a variety of platforms and programs to support learning. As we end the school year, we must now look at our program for the Extended School Year (ESY) Services. ESY (which includes related services) is provided for students, grades Pre-K through 12, beyond the school year for the purpose of reducing the loss of skills and maintaining learned skills over the summer months. IEP teams decide that the benefits the student gains during the regular school year will be significantly jeopardized if the student does not receive ESY services. Due to the continued health concerns, **ESY services will be provided during summer 2020 in a virtual learning environment for students who qualify.**

#### **Extended School Year Program:**

ESY will begin on July 6, 2020 and end on August 6, 2020 from Monday-Thursday. Student hours will be 9:00AM-11:00 AM. Live instruction opportunities will occur daily, along with small group instructions and use of many platforms as used during our school year programming. Each special education classroom will consist of two teachers per classroom to help support live small group instruction and co-planning.

#### **Related Services (Speech, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Counseling):**

Related Services will be provided based on each student's IEP. Hours for services will be coordinated with the therapist and parent and/or student. Sessions may be scheduled between Monday-Thursday and from 9:00 AM-1:30 PM. Related Service Providers will work together with students and/or families to find mutually agreed upon days and times.

As this is an unprecedented and unique situation, we appreciate your patience as we work through delivering the education and services appropriate for your child. Your flexibility and understanding is appreciated. **If you have any questions, please contact your child's case manager.**

Regards and stay well,

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