



## THE EWING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Families of Special Education Students,

I hope this letter find you and your families well. As you are aware, The Ewing Public Schools is closed due to the COVID-19 health emergency. The Special Service Department will continue to operate during District closure to provide our students with services outlined in their IEPs to the fullest extent possible. Special education teachers are providing virtual/remote learning opportunities to our students. If needed, they are working collaboratively with general education classroom teachers to ensure proper accommodations and modifications of assignments. They have been providing individual instruction/supports when needed.

If your child receives related service (speech, occupational therapy, physical therapy, counseling) these services were initially addressed through paper packets that were sent home on during the week of March 16, 2020. Materials and resources were provided for a few days of services and continue to be provided virtually.

The District has been waiting on guidance from the State regarding the provision of related services through virtual platforms. Beginning the week of April 13, 2020, related services staff will be reaching out to you via email and phone and will be setting up times for related service sessions to the greatest extent possible. These sessions will be provided through parent conferencing, and virtual/remote platforms such as Google Meet. For those families that are unable to access this type of service, chrome books have been provided with free WIFI through Comcast. If you have further difficulties, please reach out to your case manager. If your child receives group services, please understand that it may be accessed by other students, parents/and or guardians who may be observing the group to assist their student. If you would like to opt out of group services, please let your related staff provider or child study team case manager know in writing via email. Please understand that all services are confidential and recording sessions are not allowed. Your child's case manager will continue to monitor student performance and services, hold IEP meetings and be available for you at all times during school hours. CST email addresses are on the District Website. Any evaluations that require "face to face assessment" will be scheduled once school is back in session.

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. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your case manager.

Regards and stay well,

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