



West Greene School District

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you and your family are doing well during this unprecedented time! As you are all aware, the COVID-19 restrictions implemented by Governor Wolf, as of April 9, 2020 have placed school districts in the unprecedented situation of closing school until the end of this academic school year.

Beginning April 1, 2020, the West Greene School District began providing on-line instruction to all of our students in order to provide continuity of educational services during the school closure. Gifted and 504 students will have access to online instructional materials through: Google Classroom, Google Hangout, Fusion, Moby Max, Study Island, and Zoom. Occupational Therapy (OT) services, will continue to be provided through Google Hangout, Google Voice, and Zoom. Your child's gifted teacher, 504 case manager and related service provider will continue to be in contact with families to discuss your child's needs.

West Greene wants to assure all of our families that our gifted students will receive continuity of education through acceleration and/or enrichment as appropriate as outlined in the students Gifted Individualized Plan. In addition, we want our parents to be aware that due to the current situation, field trips and competitions are suspended during the COVID-19 required school closure.

During group services through an on-line platform, it is not possible to ensure student privacy. During virtual group instruction, student's names and faces may appear on a screen. As a reminder, the district will not share health and educational information with third parties without written parental consent. This letter serves to notify our families of the district's good faith effort to provide OT and opportunities for socialization during this unique time.

The district plans to move forward with providing group virtual instruction, when appropriate, unless the district receives written notification of a family's desire to opt out due to privacy concerns. By allowing your child to participate in group virtual instruction you agree and understand that your child may be viewed by others in the course of the delivery of services. If you do not consent, please contact me at [724-499-5191](tel:724-499-5191) x. 2218.

Thank you for your patience during this challenging time. As additional information becomes available, we will keep you updated. If you have any concerns about your ability to access online programming or virtual services, please contact your child's gifted education teacher or 504 case manager to discuss resources and/or alternatives for the implementation of your child's program. Please feel free to contact me via email at waltersl@wgsd.org.

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