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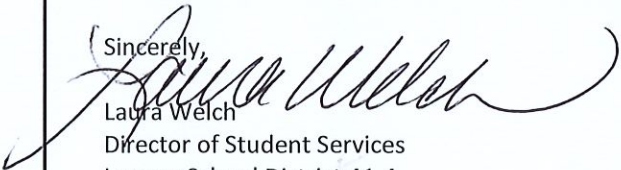
Dear Lennox School District Families with Students on an IFSP (infants/toddlers), IEP, Section 504 Plan, or a Language Acquisition Plan (LAP/English Learner):

Members of the Lennox School District leadership team met to discuss the District's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. During this unfortunate outbreak, we must proceed with caution. Experts say social distancing is the number one way to prevent the spread of COVID-19. State and federal officials will establish the exact duration of school closure, and during closure, the Special Education department will make every effort to provide special education and related services to your child in accordance with their individualized education plan based on guidance received from federal and state officials.

- Guidance from our state and federal agencies identify the need to begin implementing a plan once educational services are provided to all students. Once the Lennox School District begins flexible learning opportunities for all students, services for both general education students and students that receive specialized instruction (IFSP/IEP/Section 504 Plans/LAP) will also begin.
- Special education and other specialized instructional staff are preparing online lessons and/or student packets that will be distributed by each school. As soon as that distribution process is in place, we will let you know the details on how this will operate. We are currently preparing materials for 10 days that will allow students to review previously taught information. The reviewed materials offered to students is to limit regression.
- Due to possible closure, over 10 days, other flexible learning opportunities may take place. Our special education staff will focus on meeting the IFSP outcomes, IEP goals, Section 504 accommodations, and LAP's, while general education staff will focus on meeting the state standards and goals in the lessons.
- For students on an IFSP/IEP, home visits will not be held. Providers will offer parents/caregivers activities that they and other primary caregivers can do with the child to continue a level of learning needed for retention and recoupment of skills. These may be done virtually or related service providers such as SLP, OT, PT staff will provide written plans so progress can continue.
- At this time, the district will consider ways to use distance learning (e.g. Technology- on line video meetings, conference calls, and so forth) to the extent possible to hold Individual Education Program (IEP) and special education eligibility meetings. If we are unable to hold the meeting, we will contact you to reschedule.
- For students placed in out-of-district placements, we are working with their staff to ensure that a "continuity of learning plan" will remain in place.

If you have questions, please contact your child's case manager via school e-mail. As we continue to receive guidance on this constantly changing situation, we will be in contact with our staff and parents/guardians. Thank you for all your help and support during these challenging times.

Sincerely,

  
Laura Welch  
Director of Student Services  
Lennox School District 41-4

**Every School. Every Student. Every Day.**