



CLIENT ALERT
April 21, 2020

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

UPDATE AND RESOURCES FOR CONTINUITY OF EDUCATION

On April 1, 2020, the Education Law Center forwarded correspondence to Governor Wolf and Secretary Rivera with “Recommendations for State Guidance to Ensure Equitable Educational Services During COVID-19 School Closures.” A copy is attached.

As you are aware, the Pennsylvania Secretary of Education Pedro Rivera letter of April 15, 2020, moves school districts from delivery options of planned instruction and review and enrichment to strictly planned instruction. Planned instruction can be delivered through a virtual district learning platform or utilizing different methods and modalities.

Please also find attached information from a law firm representing parents with information that can be used to help supplement delivery of instruction and/or services to children through their parents.

You are also encouraged to register and participate in the PBI webinar that will be held on Friday, April 24, 2020 “Educating Students with Disabilities During COVID-19” which will cover the following issues:

- NOREPs
- Delivery of virtual instruction services
- Confidentiality issues with virtual delivery
- Etiquette at home
- Virtual IEP meetings
- Evaluation reports – pending and new
- Progress monitoring
- Grading standards
- Due Process Hearings
- Providing services to English learners
- Meeting the needs of parents who are technically challenged
- Performing IEEs during school closures

Registration information can be accessed at: <http://www.pbi.org/Meetings/Meeting.aspx?ID=38644>
(Discount Code ONLINE35)

Attachments:

Education Law Center Letter 4/1/2020
Available sources to supplement education at home

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