



Bellefonte Area School District

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Dear Parent,

The purpose of this letter is to provide written notice of the Bellefonte Area School District's interim plan for special education and related services specific to your child during the period of mandated school closure in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. As you are aware, public schools were ordered to close due to the pandemic health concern of COVID-19 from March 16, 2020 through at least April 6, 2020. Due to the closure of our school, and social distancing requirements mandated, we are unable to fully implement your child's IEP as it is currently written.

The services outlined below are designed to represent a good faith, best effort to honor our obligation of providing a free appropriate public education and meet the needs of your child during this period of closure, when many instructional resources and face-to-face contact are necessarily limited. This interim plan is intended to remain in effect only during the period of emergency school closure. It does not replace the current IEP, which will resume when the mandated closure ends. When school resumes, the IEP team will conduct individualized assessments of your child's academic and functional skills to determine a need for compensatory services that may be related to this disruption in education.

No later than April 6, 2020, your child's special education teacher will have reached out to you, and your child will receive the following special education instruction and related services during each full week of emergency school closure:

List services here

These services will be provided via *list telephone, computer interface, etc.* This instruction will be implemented in addition to any regular education course work as outlined in the District's Continuity for Education Plan for your child to participate in the general curriculum as outlined in their current IEP. Reasonable, appropriate accommodations and modifications will be made in consideration of your child's individual needs and current restrictions resulting from this global health pandemic.

Throughout this time, we encourage you to maintain contact with your child's IEP team. Please feel free to reach out to the IEP team members with questions, concerns, or requests for assistance as we navigate this process together.