



LACEY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Dear Special Education Parent/Guardian,

I hope you are doing well and staying healthy. As we continue working through week two of virtual home instruction, I am writing in regards to our remote learning plan; specifically supports that are available to special education students. Also, we have received updated information in regards to related services and what we are permitted to implement remotely. Our teachers, child study team members, and administrators worked extremely hard to put a comprehensive plan together in a relatively short period of time. This plan will continue to evolve as we navigate through this unprecedented time to ensure we support our special education students to the greatest extent possible.

Originally, related services were not permitted to be implemented through telepractice. In light of the current situation, there is updated guidance from the New Jersey Department of Education that certain services may now be permissible. As these changes are finalized, we will be updating our plan accordingly to begin remotely providing certain related services.

In an effort to provide support for our special education students, teachers are working daily to improve their virtual instruction model. Throughout the duration of virtual learning, students with disabilities will continue to be supported by the special education teacher in accordance with their IEP. Respective to each student's IEP, this is accomplished through traditional means such as (but not limited to) modified assignments, extended due dates, and frequent check-ins with the special education teacher. Students in our classrooms for Multiple Disabilities, Autism, and Behavioral Disabilities have been provided individualized learning plans, as appropriate, by their teachers. There is also a document located on the Virtual Home Instruction section of our website that offers resources for parents/guardians to support their special education child. As always, the Child Study Team remains available to discuss any questions or concerns you have regarding virtual instruction for your child.

Thank you for your continued support during these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,

Joseph R. Bond