



LINWOOD

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Re: Special Education

Dear Linwood Schools' Families,

As the Supervisor of Special Education, I wanted to assure all of you that your child's health and safety as well as his/her special education are at the forefront of our attention as we enter these challenging times and uncharted territory. The Linwood Special Education Department is working diligently to continue our commitment to the students and the families in implementing our responsibilities, as they are outlined in each individualized education plan. Our department will continue to monitor the guidance from the federal and state government as this situation continues to unfold.

As our special education teachers and related service providers are preparing your child's work, they have considered each child's needs, goals, accommodations and modifications. They have taken the time to develop adaptive materials and/or assignments geared to meet each student's needs according to their IEP. These materials have been created and individualized to the most appropriate extent possible while their students are away from school. The teachers and related service providers will continue to make themselves available to all of you through various forms of communication including but not limited to: email, phone, Google Classroom, Google Hangout, Skype, Facetime, Remind, Class Dojo, Zoom, etc. Please don't hesitate to reach out to them directly with any questions, concerns, progress updates, or anything else related to your child's education.

As you know, we are bound by legal timelines that even during our current circumstances, we have to do our best to meet. Therefore, we are planning on having as many of our scheduled meetings via a phone conference. If we have the ability to reschedule your child's meeting to a later date, and still be in compliance, we will postpone the meeting. If you were scheduled for an initial or reevaluation, and most of the evaluations have not been completed, we will be in contact with you regarding options. The case managers will be reaching out to you on an individual basis. When you receive your meeting invite, you will also receive a phone number and pin to call in at your scheduled time. Please reach out to your case manager if you have any questions pertaining to your child's IEP or meeting time/date.

Your continued support and understanding is appreciated during these unprecedented times. As we take on this challenge together, please know that we are here to support you and your child. If at any time you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via email.

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