

# **AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5**

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***Pupil Services Department***

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are writing to you to explain our plans to provide interim special education and related services during the state-mandated closing of Amity Regional School District No. 5 as a result of COVID-19. The goal during the school closure is to stay connected with you and your child, provide interim services using interactive on-line learning modalities, consultation services, home-based learning activities, or additional combinations/variations of these models based on the individual needs of your child.

To implement this framework of service, you can expect the following:

- Special Education case managers will begin developing individualized off-site learning plans for each student on their caseload, based on students' IEPs.
- Special Education case managers will contact students and parents (via telephone, Zoom, email, etc...) to share a schedule of services.
- Special education case managers, School Psychologists, and Speech and Language Pathologists will maintain open communication with parents/guardians throughout the duration of the district's off site learning.
- Related service providers (School Psychologists/School Social Worker) will begin developing individualized off site counseling plans for each student on their caseload based on the student's IEPs.
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- Speech/Language Pathologists will begin developing individualized off site plans for each student on their caseload based on the student's IEP.
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- Board certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) consultation services will be available through our partnership with BenHaven.
- Additional information regarding Occupational and Physical Therapy will be provided in the future through our partnership with ACES.

As previously communicated, at this time, we are not conducting Planning and Placement Team or Section 504 meetings remotely. As additional guidance is provided regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, we will be reassessing our position on these topics.

As we receive additional updates from the Connecticut State Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights, and Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services that influence our current and future plans, we will communicate those changes to you.

As we embark on this journey together, please know that we are doing our best, based on the information we have available, to provide meaningful interim special education and related services, as we all learn this new approach to instruction and learning.

As Mister Rogers said

“When I was boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, ‘Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.’”

We are all one Amity Community of helpers; parents, students, teachers, and staff all working towards a common goal.

Please feel free to contact either of us with questions.

Respectfully,



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