



Carlynton School District

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you and your family are doing well during this unprecedented time! As you are all aware, Allegheny County continues to operate under certain COVID-19 restrictions implemented by Governor Wolf. As a result, the Carlynton School District remains closed.

Our Extended School Year (ESY) program, CASP, which provides special education and consultative related services to students with disabilities beyond the scheduled school year in accordance with the child's IEP, will be implemented through a remote learning model that includes both synchronous and asynchronous methods. You are receiving this letter because your child continues to be eligible for ESY as determined by his/her IEP team.

The ESY program will operate from June 22 - July 17, 2020, Monday through Friday. The District will provide the necessary materials and resources, as well as frequent communication and consultation by email, Google Classroom, videoconference, and phone. The provision of services, including goals and services for ESY, as described in Section E. EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR of each student's IEP, will be implemented to the extent possible during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

During group services through an online platform, it is not possible to ensure complete student privacy. There will be two staff members present during all virtual group instruction sessions. During virtual group instruction, students' names and faces may appear on a screen. Further, the virtual group/individual instruction format could provide opportunities for individuals in other student's households to observe the sessions. As a reminder, the District will not share health and educational information with third parties without written parental consent. This letter serves to notify our families of the District's good faith effort to provide academic support, instruction, and opportunities for socialization during this unique time.

The district intends to move forward with providing virtual instruction for the ESY program, when appropriate, unless the District receives written notification of a family's desire to opt out due to privacy concerns. By allowing your child to participate in virtual instruction, you agree and understand that your child may be viewed by others in the course of the delivery of services. If you do not consent, please contact me via email at rachel.gattuso@carlynton.k12.pa.us.

If, at this time, you are no longer interested in having your student participate in the recommended ESY program, please contact your child's case manager as soon as possible.

Thank you for your patience during this challenging time. As additional information becomes available, we will keep you updated. You will be receiving additional information as we approach the June 22, 2020 start date of the ESY program. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out via email at rachel.gattuso@carlynton.k12.pa.us

Sincerely,

Rachel Gattuso, M.Ed.

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