



# SPRING-FORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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To the families of students receiving Special Education services, Gifted Education services, and 504 Accommodations:

The Spring-Ford Administration has been working diligently to develop a plan to support the needs of our students during this unexpected school closure. We understand that you are anxious and concerned about what this unprecedented closure will mean for your children and we appreciate your understanding and patience, especially given the rate at which changes beyond our control are occurring.

Our Special Education Department has been in close collaboration with administration throughout the entire planning process. As per communication provided to families, online instruction will begin on March 30, 2020. Special education staff have been included in all aspects of this preparation to plan providing instruction and assignments virtually. General Education and Special Education teachers are expected to provide accommodations, to the extent possible/appropriate, based on individual student plans (IEP/GIEP/504). Special education teachers and general education teachers are expected to collaborate to ensure access to the content for students with disabilities. Special Education staff, including special education teachers, gifted teachers, and 504 case managers, will be available to provide direct support to students and their families. Special education case managers will be in touch directly with the students on their caseloads and their families. During this time, related services will be provided via virtual methods and families of those students will be contacted regarding those procedures.

IEP/GIEP/504 meetings will be held virtually, via Zoom or by phone. Case managers will reach out to you directly to review this process and to schedule meetings if necessary. We encourage you to continue to review all communication sent via Skyward and/or emails from teachers and IEP case managers. Please reach out to them with any questions you have during this time.

Please know that the safety, health, and welfare of our students, staff, and families must be prioritized. Everyone is experiencing their own unique challenges. Child care, home situations, and availability will vary for all – students, families and staff included. Flexibility and empathy on the part of us all is essential. On behalf of the Special Education Department, we all sincerely appreciate the understanding and patience of families as we face this new and unprecedented challenge together.

Wishing everyone health and wellness,

Mr. Bob Rizzo, Assistant Superintendent  
Amy Hiller, Percell Whittaker, Katie Davis and David Krakower, Special Education Supervisors