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## Educational Services

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March 18, 2020

Dear Families of Students Receiving Special Education and Related Services,

The Maumee City Schools Department of Educational Services has been working diligently in an attempt to stay ahead of the evolving changes and restrictions that have been rapidly occurring during this unprecedented time. Area directors have been collaborating and seeking guidance from the Ohio Department of Education for how to best support our students during this school closure. We recognize that the support and services we are able to provide your child at this time are likely different from what is typical. Please understand that the alternate opportunities we have put in place (online resources, virtual learning, and instructional packets) are not without challenges. We understand that our students with disabilities may have limitations on their ability to participate and we are making every attempt to consider how these students will be able to access the curriculum. Until further guidance is received from the Ohio Department of Education, the provisions we are currently making to continue supporting your student are outlined below:

- General Education Teachers, Intervention Specialists, and Related Service Providers will collaborate to provide materials for your student based on their individualized needs, accommodations and/or modifications.
- Annual IEP and 3-year Re-evaluation meetings will be held prior to the expiration date via teleconference unless face-to-face assessment or observation is required.
- Your child's case manager (Intervention Specialist or Speech-Language Pathologist) will communicate at least one time weekly with parents and/or students to monitor progress, provide support and address concerns.
- Your child's teachers will provide appropriate, timely, and reasonable feedback on all assigned activities and assignments.
- Progress reports on IEP goals for PreK-8 students will be sent home via mail or email by Wednesday, March 25, 2020.
- Related services of APE, OT, SLP, and PT will continue your child's instruction as much as possible during this period of no face to face contact by providing activity packets to address goals they have been working on in their sessions and creating lessons via virtual means.

Please do not hesitate to email your child's teacher or related service therapist if you have any questions or concerns. We will continue to monitor any updates coming from the Ohio Department of Education and if executive orders from the State change and/or if ODE issues further guidance, we will adjust accordingly in order to continue providing the best education possible for your student.

We appreciate your support of the efforts of our staff. I know that they are working very hard to make sure that learning continues! Please contact me directly if you have further questions or concerns throughout this school closure.

Thank you for your continued support during this time.

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