



GREATER NANTICOKE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Special Education Department
425 Kosciuszko Street, Nanticoke, PA 18634-2690

Fax: (570) 733-1003
Phone: (570) 735-1701

Meghan Buckley
Director of Secondary Special Education
Alicia Erwine
Director of Elementary Special Education

Jennifer Nestorick
Administrative Assistant

March 27, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you are aware, the Greater Nanticoke Area School District is currently following the mandated closure of schools in accordance with Governor Tom Wolf and the Pennsylvania Department of Education. In an attempt to maintain a level of consistency in your child's educational programming, we will be providing educational opportunities to encourage educational review and enrichment of concepts previously instructed. The following steps will be taken beginning on Monday, March 30, 2020 and may be revised based on further information received from Governor Tom Wolf, PA Department of Education, US Department of Education, and the Board of Education.

- Special Education services/programming and Gifted Education:
 - * **IEPS/GIEPS** will be completed in accordance with existing due dates. Your child's case manager will contact you to arrange a phone or virtual conference. To the extent that these documents require revision upon school's reopening, they will be revised in a timely manner.
 - * **Reevaluations** will be completed, to the extent possible, in accordance with the current due dates. In the event that additional information is deemed necessary upon school's reopening, a Permission to Reevaluate to be issued in a timely manner.
 - * **Initial Evaluation Reports** will be completed within the current due dates. To the extent that a determination cannot be made with the existing information, a new Permission to Evaluate will be issued upon school's reopening.
 - * **Existing Special Education Placements-** students currently receiving services will return to their existing educational placement upon school's reopening.
- All Special Education students will be offered access to educational opportunities during the ongoing school closure. Information can be accessed via the District's website. Additionally, case managers will contact parents/guardians to discuss any accommodations that may be needed for students to access these opportunities.
- Activities for review, remediation, reinforcement, and/or enrichment on previously learned materials will be on the website for grades k-12. Students who attended out of District placements prior to the closure will receive additional information directly from those placements.
- All activities are 100% optional for students to complete. They will NOT be graded but may be submitted for teacher feedback and/or assistance.
- Caseload managers will be contacting you and your child to assist in answering general questions and navigating the website and educational tools available.

Please know that the Greater Nanticoke Area School District appreciates your patience and understanding during this unprecedented time. We are all in this together and we are learning as we move forward. If you are in need of any assistance, please do not hesitate to ask. As noted above, your case managers are available to you and are waiting to assist you during this time. Also, please feel free to reach out to me for any general assistance or concerns that you may have and we will work through them together.