



# PITTSTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**Mr. Kevin Booth**  
*Superintendent of Schools*

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Dear Parent / Guardians,

The Pittston Area School District is currently following the mandated closure of schools in accordance with Gov. Tom Wolf and the Pennsylvania Department of Education. In an attempt to maintain a level of consistency in your child's educational programming and to protect the health and safety of our students, families, faculty / staff, and community, we are asking for your assistance and cooperation as we continue to develop programming to address your child's strengths and needs. The following steps will be taken beginning March 30, 2020 and may be revised based on further information received from Gov. Tom Wolf, PA Department of Education, US Department of Education, and the Pittston Area Board of Education.

- Special Education services / programming - Gifted Education:
  - Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) - Gifted Education Programs (GIEPs)
    - IEPs / GIEPs will be completed in accordance with due dates\*. Your child's case manager will contact parent / guardian to arrange a phone conference.
    - \*Those IEPs / GIEPs that were due to be reviewed during the initial school closure will be completed in a timely manner.
  - Re-evaluation Reports (RRs)
    - RRs not in need of additional data will be completed in accordance with due dates.
    - RRs in need of additional data will include the recommendation that additional data is needed with a Permission to Re-evaluate (PTR) to be issued upon the end of the mandated closure.
    - RRs\* that included a PTR, will be completed with the recommendation that additional data is needed with an additional PTR to be issued upon the end of the mandated closure.
    - Your child's case manager will contact parent / guardian to arrange a phone conference.
    - \*Those RRs that were due to be reviewed during the initial school closure will be completed in a timely manner.
  - Initial Evaluation Reports (ERs)
    - ERs that have gathered sufficient data to assist in determining a student's eligibility for special education programming / services under IDEA will be completed with the appropriate recommendation.
    - ERs that do not have sufficient data will remain open. Data collection will resume upon the end of the mandated closure.
  - Related Services:
    - Speech, Occupational and Physical Therapists will be in contact with families to discuss activities to maintain skills.
    - Vision and Hearing teachers will also be in contact with families to provide activities to maintain skills.

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- Chapter 15 Section 504 Service Agreements:
  - Accommodations will continue to be provided as outlined in current 504 Service Agreements.
- Least Restrictive Environment – LRE:
  - Please follow the schedule for remediation and enrichment set forth by your child’s teachers. Special education teachers will be accommodating and modifying any of the enrichment and remediation activities according to your child’s IEP as appropriate given the nature of instruction.
  - The IEP case manager will contact you to discuss specific ways to accomplish the items mentioned above.
- Extended School Year (ESY) Services
  - If your child qualifies for ESY services, we will discuss options for that service once we have more guidance on COVID 19 & when schools and communities can re-open.

Please know that the Pittston Area School District along with the Pennsylvania Department of Education “appreciate your patience and flexibility as we navigate this unprecedented time together and thank you for your dedication to serving and supporting your school communities.” If you are in need of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me at the email below or contact your building principal.

Sincerely,

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