

ALIQUIPPA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Mr. Jason Guzie Director of Student Services

Dear Parent / Guardian:

Beginning Thursday, April 2^{nd,} 2020, the Aliquippa School District is committed to making a good faith effort to provide continuity of education through planned instruction and appropriate and reasonable services for students while our school buildings are closed. During an extended closure of a school due to the COVID-19 health emergency, the district will continue to provide a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) consistent with the need to protect the health and safety of students with disabilities and those individuals providing education, specialized instruction, and related services.

During the extended closure, the Aliquippa School District will provide special education and related services through distance instruction provided virtually through online classrooms, recorded videos, teletherapy and/or other modes. We are working to creatively provide instruction and related services through different modes due to the need for distance learning. Also, progress monitoring of IEP goals may be collected differently than they are typically done. The IEP team will work collaboratively to monitor progress during this time.

The Aliquippa Special Education team values education and we value your child. We understand the challenges school closure has caused and want to do our part in ensuring your child has equal access to learning. We also appreciate the expanded role that has been thrust upon parents and we want to be a support for you as well. Thank you for your continued cooperation as we work to ensure the safety of our students, staff, and communities.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or your child's special education teacher.

Thank you, Jason Guzie Director of Student Services Aliquippa School District jguzie@quipsd.org