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RE: Special Education Supports/FAPE

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Mount Union Area School District is committed to making a good faith effort to provide continuity of education, via enrichment and review, for all students. Special education staff will work collaboratively with students, parents, and teachers to offer appropriate and reasonable services for students while our school districts are closed due to COVID-19. During an extended closure of a school (10 or more consecutive days) due to the COVID-19 health emergency, the Mount Union Area School 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 school district will provide special education and related services through distance instruction provided virtually, online, by pre-recorded videos, and/or other appropriate modalities. During this time, the school district will not be able to provide all services in the same manner they were typically provided. In addition, data for progress monitoring of IEP goals may not be able to be collected in the same manner it was typically collected. The IEP team will work collaboratively to monitor progress through parental/guardian communication and practices of observation and documentation remotely.

The Special Education team values our students' education. We understand the challenges the 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/guardians 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.

Yours in Education,

Dr. Dianne Thomas

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