



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

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Dear Parent,

As you are aware, the United States and other nations around the world are currently fighting the spread of the Novel Coronavirus, otherwise identified as COVID-19. In an effort to protect our children and our community, Education Commissioner, Richard Corcoran, closed schools and has announced that all Florida students will begin distance learning by March 30, 2020. In response to this, the School District of Lee County has developed an Academic and Instructional Continuity Plan that includes distance learning for all students. The plan can be found at www.leeschools.net.

This letter is to inform you that, in order to educate your child while schools are closed, the School District of Lee County will implement this Continuity Plan temporarily during this school closure. These exceptional circumstances may affect how all educational and related services and supports are provided. At least one person from your student's IEP team will be in contact to collaborate with you on how appropriate special education and related services may be provided through hard copy educational materials, virtually, online, or telephonically. These distance learning opportunities are being taken to protect the health, safety and well-being of our students and our staff.

When schools resume normal operations, the temporary Academic and Instructional Continuity Plan will automatically cease and your child's IEP will be implemented as normal. When normal school operations resume, the future needs of your child will be addressed through the IEP process.

If you have questions, need a hard copy of the Academic and Instructional Continuity Plan or Procedural Safeguards, which detail your rights as a parent of a child with a disability, please contact our hotline at (239) 337-8104.

Thank you for your patience, flexibility and support as we work together during this temporary process.

Sincerely,

Theresa Bowen
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