



Dear Families of Students Receiving Special Education Services,

As you are aware, Rossford Schools, along with all other schools in Ohio, are closed due to the Coronavirus. Thank you for your patience as we navigate through uncharted territory.

The Student Services Department has been working diligently in an attempt to stay ahead of the progressive changes and restrictions that have been rapidly occurring during this unprecedented time. The information and guidelines from local, state and federal authorities have resulted in decisions and actions that will continue to evolve and adapt to the quickly changing environment. Based on the information from the United States Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights, and the Ohio Department of Education, Rossford has decided this three-week closure will be treated the same as any closing for calamity. This means that although enrichment packets and recommendations for at-home activities and resources have been provided, these resources are optional for both the general education students and students with disabilities.

Preschool students were given packets of materials at the end of their sessions on Thursday, March 12. Students K-5 that were in session on Friday, March 13 brought home a packet of optional materials to complete throughout the break. These materials were gathered by teachers at each grade level with accommodations and modifications being provided, to the best of their abilities given the short notice. Likewise, students in grades 6-12 were instructed to take their books and materials home on Friday, March 13 with access to optional online resources, videos, and assignments.

The packets and online resources serve solely as an opportunity for practice and review, should you choose to have your child complete it. Please understand that this work is not mandatory and will not be graded. It is simply a resource for you to use at your discretion to reinforce academic skills during this time.

It is important for you to know that at this time, referrals, initial evaluations, and re-evaluations may be postponed, due to the current inability to complete mandated state requirements. However, such processes will resume immediately once students return to school. While IEP meetings pose a challenge as well, the district will attempt to hold the annual meetings via phone conference due to the social distancing recommendation from the CDC and Department of Public Health.

The Department and District staff will continue to collaborate and seek guidance from the Ohio Department of Education on how to best support our students during this school closure. We recognize that the support and services we are able to provide your child at this time are different from what is typical.

We hope all of our families stay safe and healthy during this challenging time. The on call number for Wood County Board of Development Disabilities is 419-353-0541, if you are in need of support for your student with disabilities. If you are in need of counseling, mental health, food, basic needs, or if you have any questions or need clarification, please feel free to call Student Services at 419-666-4267.

Sincerely,

Erin Perry
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