



The School District of DeSoto County
530 LaSolona Avenue
Arcadia, Florida 34266
Adrian H. Cline, Superintendent

March 24, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we navigate the path in front of us, the ESE Department wants to ensure you that the special education providers working with your student and families will be in contact with you this week. We are diligently collaborating with the Department of Education, discretionary projects, and surrounding districts to put a plan in place on how to provide comparable services, including speech, language, occupational therapy, physical therapy, deaf/hard of hearing, visually impaired, and behavioral support, to the extent possible, during this school closure. Each case might be different due to student needs, access to technology, but most of all what will work best for your student in this time of need. It is our goal to not put any more stress on families that they are already facing.

Staff will be making every effort to be in continuous contact with you and your student to ensure they are supported through this process. Please feel free to call the ESE office or reach out to your school staffing specialist via email (see below) if you have immediate questions as we will do our best to answer. In addition, if your contact information has changed, please email your school staffing specialist so we can forward information to you in a timely manner.

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Thank you for your patience and understanding as we move forward. We wish your family good health during this time.

Sincerely,

ESE Department
Christina McCray, Director
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