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To All Parents of Students with Disabilities and Section 504-

First of all, I hope that each of you is safe and healthy through this time. Take care of yourselves and your families and listen to the guidance provided by the CDC and local health departments. I am writing to inform you of how your students' needs in regard to their Individualized Education Plan (IEP)/Section 504 Plan will be met moving forward. We have received very little guidance from the state as there is no example in recent times of an emergency situation such as this in regards to the COVID-19 outbreak. If you need further information on the COVID-19 virus please refer to our school website for links and information.

As you are all aware, all schools in Genesee, Livingston, and Wyoming Counties are currently closed as a precaution to prevent the spread of COVID-19, or the CoronaVirus. During this time of closure, each district is working to provide resources to students to continue learning based on the resources available in each district. Since direct instruction is not being provided to general education students, special education instruction and related services are not required for students with disabilities.

Once our schools reopen, decisions will be made regarding the need for compensatory services (make-up sessions) based on individual student regression and the need for extra support to regain skills. The rules in making these decisions will be guided by information provided by the New York State Education Department (NYSED) and the United States Department of Education. Each decision will be made on an individual basis.

All Committee on Special Education (CSE), Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE), and Section 504 meetings will be postponed through April 1. We will reevaluate at that time to determine if meetings will be held via phone, virtually, or in person based on guidance from NYSED. Evaluations for both new referrals and re-evaluations will also be on hold until the district has reopened. This may cause some meetings to be held outside of the 60-day timeline for new referrals, outside of one year for annual reviews and outside of three years for reevaluations. The United States Department of Education and NYS Education Department have agreed to suspend these timelines as we work through this unprecedented time. You may be contacted to determine the feasibility of possible online/remote meeting options in the future.

Feel free to contact me with questions or concerns for your individual child at ceaton@leroycsd.org, 585-768-5502. Even if I am off-site at some point, I will be able to access my voicemail off site. It is our intention to do what is right by your student now and always. If we can be of assistance in any other way do not hesitate to contact me or an administrative team member here at school.

Sincerely,

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