

MAYWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Dear Maywood Community,

Please know the Maywood School District is making every effort to provide a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to students with disabilities during the school closure caused by the COVID-19 outbreak. The Maywood school district is doing its best to ensure that our students with disabilities also have equal access to the same opportunities, and to the greatest extent possible can be provided the special education and related services identified in the students' IEP. However, out of an abundance of caution for the health and safety of your children direct services of Related Services (OT, PT, Speech, Home Programming, ABA, and Teacher of the Deaf, Counseling, etc.) **will NOT** be provided in the home. Supplemental materials and packets will be sent with the students in an effort to prevent regression and ensure recoupment upon the students' return. An individualized determination as to whether compensatory services are needed will be discussed as an IEP team upon the schools re-opening.

Case Management:

Case Managers (Mrs. Kim Smith, Ms. Brielle Smith, and Ms. Karen Brickett) will be available during the school day via email. If you need to discuss a concern please feel free to email them and they will arrange a time to call you that is mutually agreed upon.

Counselors and Behaviorist:

Mrs. Juv Manzer, (District Behaviorist), Ms. Brielle Smith (Social Worker), and Ms. Karen Brickett (Psychologist), Mrs. Kerry Leto (Counselor), and Mrs. Carly Byrnes (Counselor) are all available during the day by email. Students who have regular counseling sessions will arrange with the counselors a time for a session by phone. They will also be available if determined there is a need to have phone conference with a student that does not typically receive counseling but needs to talk.

Speech, OT, PT, ToD:

Packets and activities will be sent home to work on. If you have a specific question or concern please email Mrs. Blain, Ms. McCaul, or your Case Manager for OT and PT concerns.

MAP students:

Your classroom teachers have been preparing instructional lessons and materials for your children. Our teachers and related service therapist will also be available to you for any instructional questions about lesson plans that you may have through email. They will respond to you on work days during school hours. While we know that the lesson units and email contact with our staff does not begin to replace a school day, we are trying to ensure that the school closure provides for academic content and staff involvement if you choose to do so.

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We are sorry we have to disrupt your child's education by the school closure, but it is necessary as a preventative measure is preemptive to your child's health and safety. Once school resumes, the Maywood school district will provide special education and related services to the child in accordance with the child's IEP or for students entitled to FAPE under section 504, consistent with a plan developed to meet the requirements of Section of 504.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sheryl A. Spencer, MSW, LSW". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

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