

Dear Parents of Students in Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE),

April 6 will be our first official day of e-learning in Minnetonka. Hopefully, you have been able to connect with your student's case manager or service coordinator/service provider through Seesaw, Google Hangout Meets, or phone/email over the last couple of weeks. If you have not, please do so as soon as possible. Seesaw and Google Hangout Meets will be our platforms for e-learning.

Although our primary means of connecting with you during the course of the e-learning period will be via technology, you and your child will have the opportunity to participate in services throughout the week in a variety of ways. We know that our littlest learners do best when engaged in real-life, hands-on experiences, otherwise known as PLAY!

We miss seeing your children's smiling faces and sweet laughs, and we are excited to partner with you and provide you with activities, ideas and resources to facilitate learning through play and within your daily routines and activities.

We know that this is an already chaotic and unpredictable time of life in many households and do not want to add any further stress. Therefore, we are looking forward to helping you navigate this new normal and providing you and your child with opportunities to address their Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) priorities and/or Individualized Education Plan (IEP) goals/objectives.

You and your student will have the opportunity to participate in services throughout the week through a variety of methods. You can expect your case manager or service coordinator/provider to meet with you/your child at the frequency of which is listed on your child's IFSP or IEP. During this time:

If your child receives home visits, you can expect your service coordinator and/or providers to connect via Google Hangout Meets or phone calls to continue to provide coaching opportunities throughout your daily routines.

If your child attends Minnetonka Preschool, you can expect that your case manager and service providers are working with your child's preschool teacher to provide activities to supplement general education opportunities to make progress towards goals/objectives. In addition, service providers may also provide additional opportunities, such as videos/resources on Seesaw to address goals/objectives in natural learning environments, as well.

If your child attends speech group sessions, you can expect that the Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) will be sending/posting videos and activities on Seesaw. Additionally, the SLP will connect with your family via Google Meets for check ins and coaching support. While this is not how we are used to providing service, if there is anything the Minnetonka School District is

known for, it is being innovative and creative. Now is our time to shine. Let us help you navigate these uncharted territories.

Should you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's case manager or me. We anxiously await the day our halls and hearts can be filled with your child's laughter once again.

Kindly,

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