



April 14, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

You will be receiving a Special Education Contingency Learning Plan in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The plan will be created for your child/student to inform you of Ionia Public School's good faith effort to provide your child/student with as much of the special education, related services, accommodations, modifications or supports from your student's IEP as is safe and practicable at this time. Michigan's Governor issued several Executive Orders that require schools to protect the health and safety of staff, students and the school community, which restrict the school's ability to continue all students' education as it existed before the COVID-19 Outbreak. (See Executive Orders [2020-05](#); [2020-21](#) and [2020-35](#)). The Special Education Contingency Plan will remain in effect until the public health emergency ends or until the restrictions in the Governor's Executive Orders related to schools are lifted. Once the public health emergency ends and school buildings are re-opened for education of students, the school will return to implementing your student's IEP in the more traditional school setting.

The Special Education Contingency Learning Plan will be developed by your student's caseload teacher or provider in consultation with at least one general education teacher (when participating in general education) or at least one other provider who was working with your student at the time of the school building closures. In creating this Contingency Learning Plan, the staff reviewed your student's IEP in the context of Ionia Public Schools Continuous Learning and COVID-19 Response Plan approved by the Intermediate School District. A copy of that Continuous Learning and COVID-19 Response Plan can also be located on the District's website. During the public health emergency, this Contingency Learning Plan may be reviewed and revised as necessary to provide your student with continued access to the Continuous Learning and COVID-19 Response Plan.

During the time that the distance learning or online activities in the District's Contingency Learning Plan are implemented, information regarding your student and other students may inadvertently be disclosed in online or distance learning environments to others who may be with the students or provider in the setting. Any disclosure is inadvertent and, to the extent practicable, will be avoided.

During this unprecedented time, please know that the school, the staff and our school community are here to support your student and their educational needs in good faith and as best as practicable. If you have questions or concerns about your child's Special Education Contingency Learning Plan, please contact your caseload teacher or provider or by sending an email to the Special Education Department at [mreeder@ioniaschools.org](mailto:mreeder@ioniaschools.org).

Sincerely,

  
Director of Special Education