

# AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5

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Dear Parent/Guardians,

Cindy and I hope this most recent communication finds you and your family staying healthy and safe during this pandemic.

A reminder that the district has related service provider staff available to support you and your child during the period of the mandated school closure. Those services include school psychological, school social work, BCBA's, and Occupational/Physical therapists. Please let your case manager know if you have any concerns and would potentially like support from one of these individuals.

Speaking of related service providers, the district will be making a change to the agencies providing some of our related services. Effective July 1, 2020, Cheshire Fitness Zone (<https://cheshirefitnesszone.com/>) will be providing our Occupational and Physical Therapy Services. While we look forward to our new partnership with Cheshire Fitness Zone the district is appreciative of high quality services previously provided by ACES Extension Therapy Services. Additionally, Effective July 1, 2020 Beacon Services of Connecticut (<https://www.beaconct.org/>) will be providing our BCBA and Behavioral Therapist services. A special thank you to BenHaven for previously providing our BCBA services.

After reviewing the *Reopen Connecticut: Rules for Operating Summer Schools During COVID-19*, Connecticut State Department of Education; Bureau of Special Education Brief on ESY, and consulting with our School Nursing department, District Medical Advisor, Facilities Department,, Business office, the Orange Health Department, and the Quunipiak Valley Health District, we have decided to provide **ESY Services via off-site (virtual) learning**. Those families whose students are eligible for ESY service will be contacted directly with additional information.

The district continues to move forward with holding Planning and Placement Team Meetings (PPTs). If you have questions regarding your child's PPT, individualized interim learning plan, or general comments/concerns, please reach out to your child's case manager. Cindy and I are also here to answer any questions you may have.

Cindy and I are here to support you and your families to the best of our abilities during this mandated school closure. Please reach out to us if we can help. Ultimately, we will get through this together.

Stay well and healthy,

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