



GROTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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June 17, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Your child has been recommended to receive Extended School Year Services (ESY) by his/her school team in order to maintain skills during the summer break and to prevent significant regression in September. The district is unable to offer in-person ESY services to all students who were referred for ESY this summer due health and safety requirements that are necessary to protect all students and staff from the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Your child will be receiving his/her ESY services through a distance learning model this summer. The district's distance learning program will be delivered using either Google Classroom or See Saw as well as through daily live and pre-recorded video sessions with teachers, paraprofessionals, and related services providers. All teachers will receive professional development in these virtual platforms and will have additional planning time each week to collaborate with their instructional teams to design engaging activities that support student's IEP goals and objectives to the maximum extent possible. Students will have access to research based learning programs such as Lexia for reading, Dream Box for Math, and Teach Town's Basics Program for in-home ABA therapy. We are also exploring options for virtual field trips, group games, and social-emotional activities that will address social skills and provide enrichment opportunities in high interest areas.

The ESY program for your child will take place during the following dates and times for 4 weeks:

July 6 through July 30 from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM on Monday through Thursday

Please email or call Laura Maiolo, Administrative Assistant to verify if your child will or will not be participating in the virtual extended school year program. You can reach Ms. Maiolo by email at lmaiolo@groton.k12.ct.us or you can call her at 860-572-2152 and leave a message. Please respond either in email or by telephone by June 30, 2020.

I hope that you and your family are healthy and well and that your child joins us for a summer of continued learning.

Sincerely,

Denise A. Doolittle

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Director, Pupil Personnel Services