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*Please see below a message from Shirley K. Klein, Assistant Superintendent of Special Education and Student Services:*

### Special Education Group Video Conferencing

During the period of school closure, the Darien Public Schools (the “District”) may be implementing components of your child’s special education and/or related services through group video conferencing using platforms such as the Google Suite (e.g., Google Meet), Zoom, Skype, etc. These services may be provided in a group setting with multiple students participating in the video conference. Student names and video images will be visible to the teacher and other participating students. Parents are encouraged to have their students participate via a location that is quiet and free of distraction, to the extent possible. Other individuals in the home are not permitted to participate in or be visible on the video conference, or otherwise observe the lesson, other than reasonable adult supervision of the student. Parents and students are prohibited from recording video conferencing sessions. All individuals shall comply with relevant policies of the Darien Board of Education, including but not limited to those concerning the confidentiality of student records and acceptable use of district computer systems, which policies can be accessed at [Board Policy 5265](#) and [Board Policy 5300](#).

Student privacy and the confidentiality of student information is of utmost importance. Parents are reminded, however, that the District is not in direct control of individual homes or physical locations of participating students.

If you do not wish for your child to participate in video conferencing, please e-mail your child’s building administrator.

Please continue to reach out to us with any questions or concerns regarding your child’s eLearning experience. Hope you and yours are staying healthy and connected!

Warmest regards,  
Shirley

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