

December 27, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians/Educational Decision Makers:

You are receiving this letter because your child attended Pittsburgh Public Schools (PPS) at some point between March 13, 2020, and June 16, 2022 (Pandemic Period) and subsequently graduated from PPS or disenrolled from the District. PPS recognizes that for some students, remote and hybrid instruction and/or other COVID-related disruptions during the Pandemic Period may have caused learning loss for students with disabilities. Pittsburgh Public Schools has a plan for providing Covid Compensatory Services (CCS) to address the impact of the pandemic on our students with disabilities (students with an IEP or 504 Plan), including former students.

Over the next several months, we will convene meetings for all potentially eligible students who have graduated or left the District. The purpose of these meetings is to determine any learning loss from the Pandemic Period and to determine the type and amount of CCS required to address the identified loss.

The first step in this process is for your child's former IEP or 504 Team or another PPS representative(s) to meet with you and make an individualized determination regarding whether, and to what extent, your child may be eligible to receive CCS. If appropriate, your child may attend these determination meetings to provide input. Attached is a checklist to help you think about your child's learning during the Pandemic Period and to prepare for the individualized determination meeting. If it is determined that your child is eligible for CCS because of disrupted learning during the Pandemic Period, the team will identify the services and hours of needed intervention. **Please note the options of how to best provide CCS to your child may require further discussion or an additional meeting. Some former students may benefit from an alternative to services provided by the District. For example, where the District does not offer needed services, where the former student does not live in close proximity to the District-provided services or where it is otherwise not possible for PPS to provide the services that the former student requires.**

Over the next several weeks, you will be contacted and receive next steps from your child's last school of attendance. Please feel free to reach out to the school if you do not hear from them prior to February 1, 2024. For more information regarding CCS 2.0, please visit [www.pghschools.org/CCS](http://www.pghschools.org/CCS).

Sincerely,