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Dear Parents/Guardians/Education Decision Makers:

I hope all are well while we continue to do our best with navigation and recovery during this time. Additionally, I thank you for your continued commitment to the Pittsburgh Public Schools as a Key Stakeholder.

Pittsburgh Public Schools recognize the pandemic's learning disruption and impact on all students and the rest of our nation. As a result of the learning disruption, students with disabilities (IEPs and 504 Plans) may be owed Covid Compensatory Services if they did not receive the evaluations or services to which they were entitled from March 16, 2020, thru June 16, 2022 (Pandemic Period).

As a parent/guardian/educational decision maker of a child with an IEP or 504 plan, I am personally notifying you that Pittsburgh Public Schools has a new plan for Covid Compensatory Services, titled CCS 2.0, to address the impact of the pandemic on our students with disabilities.

The District will convene IEP and 504 meetings for all eligible students to determine any learning loss from the Pandemic Period and the type and amount of Covid Compensatory Services to be provided to the student to address the identified loss.

The first step in this plan is for your child's IEP or 504 Plan Team to meet to determine whether and to what extent your child is owed Covid Compensatory Services for services not delivered or received during virtual instruction, hybrid instruction, and/or continued Covid related disruptions during the return to in-person learning during the Pandemic Period.

Attached is a checklist to help you think about your child's learning during the Pandemic Period and to prepare for the IEP/504 meeting. Moving into 2023 you will receive updates and next steps from your child's school. For more information regarding CCS 2.0, please visit www.pghschools.org/CCS2.0. We are in process of creating informational webinars and links on our webpage to provide additional information to you.

I wish you and your family the best as we move into the upcoming holiday season.

Yours in education,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wayne N. Walters".

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