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Dear DLC Parents and MUJC Staff:

On June 12, 2020, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) issued guidance for summer learning programs including the delivery of Extended School Year (ESY) services through either remote, onsite, or a combination of remote and onsite instruction for students with disabilities in conjunction with the New Jersey Department of Health's (NJDOH) [COVID-19 Youth Summer Camp Standards](#). The NJDOE notes in its ESY guidance, "if a school district or receiving school determines that it would not be possible to meet summer program goals through in-person summer programming in accordance with the NJDOH standards, the school district may conduct summer programming, including ESY for students with disabilities, remotely..." ESY programs are only permitted to have onsite instruction on or after July 6, 2020.

The DLC's Extended School Year program for 2020, which is from June 24 through August 5, will remain a virtual instructional program. This decision is due to our overriding priority to safeguard the health and wellness of our students and staff. Reopening the DLCs implicates very complex issues such as the uncertain nature of COVID-19 and its impact on students with disabilities and concomitant medical issues; social distancing on buses; the wearing of personal protective equipment (PPEs) by students and staff and the ability to purchase and acquire a sufficient number of PPEs this summer; and the need to work with our students in a socially distant learning environment to name a few.

Governor Murphy and our Commissioner of Education have indicated that guidance will be available by the end of June or early July, which will indicate how and when schools may reopen in the fall. Once we have that guidance, the administration will work concertedly toward a safe and healthy opening for our students and staff members for the fall.

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Our comprehensive list of educational services that will be provided by our DLC staff during the DLC's virtual ESY program is attached for your review. Our virtual ESY program will be focused on the needs of each of our DLC students and will be targeted to the expectations of their IEPs.

We look forward to seeing our students, their parents, and our staff members this fall! If you have any questions concerning this matter, kindly contact your DLC principal or me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet L. Fike".

Janet L. Fike

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Components of the academic program in the DLC autistic program are as follows:

Academic Instruction: 2 individual weekly sessions with the teacher
2 individual weekly sessions with the teacher assistant
Students with 1:1 teacher assistants receive 5 individual sessions with the teacher assistant.
5 recorded video lessons by the teacher/teacher assistant
2 classroom weekly sessions with the teacher
1 classroom weekly session with the teacher and teacher assistant
4 classroom weekly sessions with the teacher assistant
Weekly resources and class assignments

Adaptive Physical Education: 3 weekly sessions (combination of live/video)

Art: 2 weekly sessions (combination of live/video)

Music: 2 weekly sessions (combination of live/video)

SEL/Social Skills: 2 weekly sessions (combination of live/video)

Health: 2 weekly sessions (combination of live/video)

Behavior Skills: 1 weekly session (combination live/video)

Transition Classes (Secondary Students Only) 4 weekly sessions (live/video)

Component related services: 2 individual 30-minute speech, 2 integrated 30-minute speech (video), 2 integrated 30-minute occupational therapy (video)

Additional related services: As per home district's contract

Correspondence: 4 times a week by teacher
1 time a week with therapist

For students in the Behavioral Disabilities Program (EAGLES), component related services will include one group 30-minute counseling session through live and video sessions and two individual 30-minute counseling sessions.

Students in the Multiple Disabilities Program (TRANSITION PREP) will receive all related services as per your home district's contract with the MUJC.

We are excited to announce that the DLCs will be using Google Classroom for ESY, which should make parent involvement easier. If you have any issues with using Google Classroom, please contact your child's teacher or the principal. As always, instructional paper packets will also be mailed to students' homes for those students who prefer a paper copy of their work.