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Union Free School District**

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ELEMENTARY UPDATE: STUDENTS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Dear Families:

This letter is being sent to provide clarification on what learning will look like after Phase 1 begins October 13 for elementary students participating in special education self-contained programs. Ken-Ton is committed to providing the very best instruction to our in-person students and our virtual students during this unprecedented time. We appreciate your feedback and flexibility as we navigate the learning for all students.

We know these are not easy times for any of our families, but especially for our students with special needs. Our hope is that this instructional model will be short-term and we can all return to school as soon as possible.

Students Participating in Elementary Special Education Self-Contained Programs
Students Registered for Hybrid Learning

We will welcome all of our students participating in elementary special education self-contained programs beginning the week of October 13th. These students will attend school in-person on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesdays will be reserved for small group instruction and asynchronous learning options. This day is also available for related service providers to work with students. Related services will be scheduled directly with the related service provider to best fit the individual student's schedule. Your student's teacher/provider will notify you of the scheduled times for these virtual sessions. Please make sure your student is logged in on Wednesdays at their scheduled times for these instructional opportunities.

We recognize and understand that some students will need support in tolerating their masks throughout the school day; and that the expected wearing of masks has posed concerns for some families. Students will be offered mask breaks throughout the day and teachers will be working with their students to improve their tolerance for wearing a mask throughout the school day.

Students Registered for Virtual Learning Academy

Our virtual learning academy students will stay connected to their current teacher of record. Instruction will take place on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Your child will continue to receive primary instruction from his or her assigned classroom teacher, as well as a certified Teaching Assistant. These students will receive synchronous learning opportunities for ELA, Math, and Morning Meeting on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, while Science and Social Studies will be provided through asynchronous learning opportunities. Wednesdays will be reserved for small group instruction and asynchronous learning options. Wednesdays will also be utilized for related service providers to work with students. Related services will be scheduled directly with the provider to fit the individual student's schedule.

Your student's teacher/provider will notify you of the scheduled times for all virtual sessions. Please make sure your student is logged in at their scheduled times for these instructional opportunities.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Special Education Office at 874-8400 or your child's principal should you have any additional questions.

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