



Dudley-Charlton Regional School District

From the Desk of ...

Lorinda C. Allen, Pupil Personnel Director

“Equity and Excellence for Every Child, Every Day.”

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Dear Dudley-Charlton Families,

We understand that the recent public health mandated district closures have been extremely challenging for all families and particularly complex for families of students with disabilities. We appreciate your collaboration and support as we navigate this difficult time as a school community. Consistent with federal and state guidelines, while our school district is closed during this ongoing public health emergency we are not providing any educational services, including special education services, to any students during this period of school closure. The district has carefully weighed the significant safety and equity concerns and has decided that all services including home services, evaluations, and tutoring must remain closed.

We are in unprecedented times and doing the best we can under the circumstances to ensure students have equal access to learning opportunities. DCRSD is providing optional enrichment activities for all students that can be found on the district website, under the COVID-19 tab. We appreciate your patience and understanding in this process. The resources sent home to students are for enrichment only and not intended to replicate learning and modifications in a school day. They are not required or graded by the district. We are doing our best to help families keep students engaged in practice of previously learned skills and materials and to make them as feasible under the circumstances. The combination of modified materials and alternative enrichment resources that special educators have been adding to the site ensure that all students have equal access to enrichment activities during this difficult time. Special education staff are happy to connect with you on ideas about how to make the activities more accessible for your individual child. Teachers and providers are also available by e-mail for check-ins and may answer questions about the materials and resources provided, but will not be providing any direction instruction.

At present the District is not holding IEP meetings during the school closure. We will reassess this possibility as we move through the school closure period. Currently we do not have the necessary technology, procedures, and protocols in place to do this equitably and maintain our compliance and confidentiality requirements. We will reach out to reschedule your meeting when we have a better sense of our return date.

Thank you very much, and we appreciate everyone's efforts to keep our community healthy.

Sincerely,

Lorinda C. Allen,
Director of Pupil Personnel Services