



Dudley-Charlton Regional School District

From the Desk of...

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"Equity and Excellence for Every Child, Every Day."

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Covid-19 Student Support Services Update- #4

Dear Dudley-Charlton Families,

We do hope this letter finds you and your family well. We recognize the impact this time has had on families and we want you to know we are truly here for you.

I'm writing this morning to provide you the most recent updates on Extended Year Services (ESY) as we know them to date. After participating in another weekly conference call with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) hosted by Assistant Commissioner Russell Johnston on Friday, May 29, 2020 we learned that there are still too many unknowns state-wide to provide specific guidance to our families.

While I wish we had greater details to share with you, we can tell you that the Commissioner outlined that MA Schools, both public and private, must plan to continue Remote Learning with the possibility of limited face to face opportunities. Our hope is the Governor and Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) will provide updated and more specific details early this week.

We understand this is not ideal for your child, but we need to provide services differently during this Closure keeping student and staff safety at the forefront. At this time please plan to start with Remote Learning for the Extended School Year Program. Our desire is to implement limited face to face services and improve over time once approval and guidance are received. We look forward to your collaboration and will provide you with updates as more information becomes available.

Over the next couple of weeks we will be sending home letters outlining your child's individualized Extended School Year Plan. For our in-district students, I can share with you that these plans are being created for services to take place **Monday-Thursday, July 6th-August 13th, sometime during the hours of 8am-12:30pm** whether they are remote or face to face. This six- week plan, will allow two additional weeks of services for the majority of our students. For our out of district students, you have been or should be hearing from your individual schools regarding their plans during the same time frame.

Should you have further questions please don't hesitate to reach out to me, or your child's Special Education Coordinator.

Sincerely,

Lorinda Allen,
Director of Pupil and Personnel Services