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Pupil Personnel Services

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well and healthy and as much at ease as is possible during these unprecedented times. Our Herricks community is a strong one; and we will work together to get to the other side of these current challenges. I know so many of you have your own employment situations and personal/family issues to contend with in addition to juggling the education of your children in new and ever changing modes.

As the closure of schools extends we move towards more direct instruction and the continuity of the supports and services your child needs as per his/her IEP. During this time to the greatest extent possible we will be providing your child with his/her mandated IEP programs, services and supports consistent with the need to protect the health and safety of students with disabilities, as well as those individuals providing special education and related services.

Therefore, the District intends to administer special education and related services remotely through Distance Learning which may involve video teaching and/or telepractice. If your child accesses services through video teaching and/or telepractice, the District shall consider such access as your consent to receive services through that modality. Any parent who does not agree to receiving services through that modality should contact Lois Jankeloff, Director of PPS at ljankeloff@herricks.org. If you do not consent to the use of video teaching and/or telepractice, your child will be provided instruction in an alternative format, such as through written instructional materials or telephone consults.

We ask all students and family members to be respectful of the privacy interests of other students. As a result, where possible, students participating in group services should attempt to do so from a location which cannot be observed by others. To the extent that family members observe the delivery of instruction to other students, we ask that you respect the privacy of the other students and not disclose personal information about any student to any third party.

Your child's teachers/providers will be in touch with you regarding the provision of these supports and services. Please reach out to them and/or your child's IEP contact teacher or special education

administrator to let us know if your child is in need of support to access the instruction and learning being provided. We are in this together and are here to help as best as we can.

Best Regards,

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