



Office of Student Services

May 29, 2020

Re: Extended School Year Programming

Dear Families,

As we approach June, I recognize the impact of not having solidified information regarding Extended School Year Programming has on family planning. Please accept this letter as the most up to date information the Norwood Public Schools have to share with you.

Last Friday, May 22nd and again today, May 29th, I joined all other Directors of Student Services and Special Education Directors across the Commonwealth in a Zoom call with Senior Associate Commissioner Russell Johnson, where the current status of ESY services were discussed. At this time, we have been advised to plan for remote ESY services and have a contingency plan for "IF" in-person services become allowable.

What we know is in order for any special education services to occur in-person: 1) the Governor needs to lift the restriction on public schools and 2) safety protocols must be in place.

We continue to await formal written guidance from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education on what the safety protocols will entail. Once we have received them, we will act upon them as best we can. However, they will entail resources, staff training and time to execute; depending on timing we may not be able to safely receive students in-person this summer.

Should we be able to receive student safely in-person, it will be consisting of individual or small group tutoring/related services sessions. We will not be able to provide the typical 9-1, Monday through Thursday program, which we are accustomed to welcoming our students to. We understand this is not ideal for your student, however we are required to provide services differently during this period of COVID-19. The health and safety of our students and staff are of the utmost importance.

In the coming weeks, you will receive a letter confirming your student's individual Extended School Year Learning Plan. For many, it will look similar to their current plan. Should you have questions, please contact either your special education liaison or myself, Lori Cimeno, Director of Student Services @ lcimeno@norwood.k12.ma.us.

We thank you for partnering with us in educating our students, look forward to your continued collaboration and will provide you with updated information as it becomes available.

Be Well,

Lori Cimeno