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LexSEPAC Update

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Parents Supporting Parents of Children with Special Needs in Lexington Public Schools

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Dear Parents,

We hope you are holding up during these trying times for all of our families. We would like to bring you up to speed on some of the behind the scenes activities and advocacy we have been working on with LPS. We have been in direct communication with LPS, our School Committee Liaison and School Committee Members as the Covid-19 situation unfolded over the past couple of weeks. As you are aware, LPS released the LPS Remote Learning Plan earlier this week. We are grateful there was some baseline guidance shared yet also eager to see the details as they will be implemented for SPED children. Details will be shared early next week by LPS but in the meantime LexSEPAC recommended the following ideas for creative collaboration and support for our families:

- Video calls with special education teachers and IAs that the children know well, to maintain some consistency. This could be a daily check-in or less depending on the needs of the children and parent's desire.
- Continuation of 1:1 instruction and / or small group lessons virtually.
- Direct interaction with staff virtually, on email / video conference, including

related service providers (BCBAs, speech, OTs, and PTs, AAC, Assistive Tech) and parents.

- Many private providers are now providing these types of services virtually and parents would like to try virtual sessions with school staff as well.
- Curriculum and materials related to IEP benchmarks should be available as requested so that parents can practice and review at home. This could include, for example, individual lesson plans, materials used during instructional sessions, OT worksheets and activities, PT exercises for in the home, and / or behavior plans adjusted for home.

We have received a positive response from the LPS administration to the recommendations above. At this time, they are still waiting for further guidance from the State and will be in touch by early next week with specific plans to best serve our students. The next step on our part is to meet with LPS administration to check in about the communication to SPED families.

Take care,

Patricia Jacotin & Emma Harding

LexSEPAC Co-Chairs

The Lexington SEPAC is the Special Education Parent Advisory Council, a group of parents with children on IEPs or 504 plans, who meet regularly as a group and also with the LPS administration to advise on the planning, evaluation and development of special education programs in our district.

The LexSEPTA, the Lexington Special Education PTA, supports LexSEPAC, offering parents a way of connecting with one another, valuable speaker events and workshops and also social gatherings with other parents, the school committee and more. LexSEPTA is a 501(c) volunteer-run organization.

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