



## BRECKSVILLE-BROADVIEW HTS. CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### District to Offer Virtual Speech and Language Sessions Beginning on May 4th

Dear Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools Parents,

With the recent Governor's order that schools will remain closed due to COVID-19 for the remainder of the current school year (2019-20), the District has determined to implement another level of virtual Speech and Language Services in addition to the virtual services already being provided since the initial school closure in March.

Virtual instruction is being provided to students through a variety of means (e.g., ZOOM meetings with teachers, ZOOM classroom instruction, resource packets). A similar online format has been provided to students that receive Speech and Language services. The District has been providing Speech and Language services to students in a variety of formats during the extended school closure which include the following:

- Work packets (hard copy and/or electronically)
- Google Classroom
- Therapist check-ins with students and parents (e.g., emails, Google Classroom)
- Providing parents with resources

In addition to the above listed means of providing Speech and Language services, the District will be adding another level of services that will include virtual sessions. The sessions will occur in either a small group setting or individually aligned with how the students would have received the services while school was in session.

Beginning on May 4th, we will be providing Speech and Language services through remote learning methods (e.g., ZOOM, Google Classroom). Your child's SLP will contact you to inform you of the scheduled day and time of such sessions.

Per the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) guidance, districts are to make a good faith effort to provide the IEP-required related services to the greatest extent possible during the extended school closure. It is also understood by the District that if all the services outlined in the IEP are not able to be provided in this current virtual format, students may need and will be provided with some of those services at a later time (e.g., once the Governor's Stay At Home Orders are adjusted/lifted). *The possibility of those services needing to be provided at a later date would be determined by the IEP team and based on the individual student.* This is also outlined in the ODE guidance.

For more information regarding the state guidelines utilized by the District in regards to the delivery of related services during the extended school closure, [please visit the Ohio Department of Education website](#).

The BBHCS D understands that these are unprecedented times and is working diligently to provide your children with IEP services. We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with you to meet your child's educational needs and ask for your continued understanding as we work collectively to provide our students with instruction and services during the extended school closure.

Sincerely,

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