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Dear Families:

I hope this letter finds you healthy and doing well during this challenging time. Since the school closure began in March, all of the McCann faculty and staff have been working diligently to support our school community in a variety of ways. We would like to thank all of you for your continued support and patience as we have worked through the logistics of this ever evolving situation surrounding the current health crisis. Keeping your child engaged with their teachers and classmates through our remote learning plan has been our priority. Continuing to provide educational experiences for our students has given us a positive focus and we have enjoyed being able to connect with your child again through our Zoom virtual classroom meetings and Google Classrooms. We hope you and your child are finding engagement with McCann's remote learning has been a positive experience for you as well.

Included in this mailing are your child's third IEP progress reports for this school year. The progress described in these reports is up to March 13, 2020, due to the school's closure from the COVID-19 public health crisis. The purpose of these progress reports is to ensure we have captured, to the best of our ability, where your child's performance was at the time of the school closure. Your child's final progress reports for this school year will be issued in June.

Also enclosed is your child's Individual Special Education Student Remote Learning Plan being implemented during the COVID-19 School Closure 2020, as required by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).

Districts across the state have been working on developing remote learning plans for all students. On April 1, 2020, McCann Technical School began our remote learning plan. Teams have been working to meet individual needs for each student the best they can at this time. They are developing special education remote service plans based on goals and services that are outlined in each IEP. These remote learning plans reflect the unique circumstances we are under and are designed to provide the services we are safely able to in alternate formats. Your child's special education liaison has connected with you and has collaborated with the classroom teachers. The Team has taken into account your child's needs based on their disability and how they may be impacted during this remote learning period. The plan has been based on your child's and family's preferred remote learning modes, accessibility, availability, and skill levels. The Team also has considered your child's performance levels of their IEP goals, as of the school closing.



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This plan can be revised/updated if necessary. DESE has advised that specific consent is not required to begin the provision of these modified services. However, if you disagree with the recommendations provided herein, please contact your child's special education liaison. When school resumes, the IEP Team will follow up, as necessary, to determine next steps in supporting your child's progress. Additionally, at that time we will be working with families and students to support a positive transition back to the school community.

In the coming weeks, we will be exploring the options for virtual IEP Team meetings. While virtual meetings may not be feasible in all circumstances, we will certainly do our very best to accommodate as many families/students requesting their previously scheduled meetings, and those meetings that would have been scheduled to take place during the closure, as we can. More information about virtual IEP Team meetings will be forthcoming. Please note that evaluations are being placed on hold at this time.

If at any time you feel you have questions, would like to make changes, or opt out of portions of your child's plan, please contact your child's special education liaison as noted on the attached remote learning plan. Again, thank you for your patience and we continue to wish you well. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me for any further information or assistance. I am available for conversations by phone at times and via email at ksteiner@mccanntech.org. Please also visit our school website (www.mccanntech.org) for additional information regarding the school closure, our remote learning plan, and for family and community resources that could be helpful for your family during this challenging time.

Very Truly Yours,



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