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To the families of students receiving Special Education Services who qualify for Extended School Year (ESY) Services.

The Special Education Department for the Upper Darby School District has made the decision to provide Extended School Year (ESY) Services virtually this summer. This decision is consistent with the continued guidance from the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Governor's office with respect to school closures due to COVID-19. The District continues to be aware of its obligation to provide students a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) to the greatest extent possible, along with our duty to provide notice to all families eligible for ESY Services.

The dates for Upper Darby School District ESY are June 23, 2020 through July 23, 2020 from 9:00AM to 12:00PM, Monday to Thursday. Following the Tuesday, June 23, 2020 start of the program, ESY will continue each week from Monday through Thursday. Not all students will be required to attend four days each week. Please refer to your child's ESY plan that was communicated prior to school closures. Students will participate virtually through Google Meet and instruction will be provided during that time. We understand that not all students will be able to sit in front of a computer for three hours. As a result, an individualized schedule will be developed based on student needs.

Families of students who qualify for ESY Services will receive email notification no later than June 2, 2020 from their child's current case manager with details about services offered and the specific days that students will be provided ESY Services. Special education teachers who have been selected to teach ESY will be in contact with families no later than June 22, 2020 with specific details and individualized schedule of services for each student.

The District is continuing to work with Approved Private Schools and other out of district placements to secure continuity for ESY Services. District LEA Representatives will continue to be in contact with families for updates during this time.

We appreciate your flexibility and support during this very unique time for students, families and school districts.

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