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Dear Parents and Caregivers of Students with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs),

To those who have children with Extended School Year summer services in their Individualized Education Plan (IEP), this letter is to inform you that we are still awaiting guidance from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and Governor Baker regarding whether or not summer services will be able to occur on-site at our schools. During this time we have developed three scenarios which have been listed below.

1. Full, on-site Extended School Year programming

2. A hybrid program, with limited, on-site programming and remote programming. This plan will strictly follow state and local health advisories and guidance.

3. Remote Extended School Year instruction. The instruction will be for students who have ESY programming on their IEP. This will likely mirror current, remote classroom instruction. We also will have a ESY Boot Camp which is a combination of small group and individual remote tutoring sessions that includes weekly assignments and scheduled drop-in sessions.

We hope an answer will be forthcoming to which of the above scenarios we will be implementing. Once we have the necessary guidance, we will complete - the process of hiring the staff necessary for the particular scenario; finalizing implementation plans; and informing you of your child’s summer ESY schedule. At that point a decision from you to whether your child will be attending the proposed ESY program will be needed and all details will follow.

Warm regards,

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