

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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To: Andrea Oquist, Superintendent
From: Jennifer Taiariol, Director of Student Services
Subject: Extended School Year

Livonia Public Schools' Director of Student Services, in conjunction with other Wayne County RESA local Directors of Extended School Year (ESY) programs and Karen Howey, Assistant Superintendent of Special Education and Early Intervention Services, have determined that Wayne County's ESY programs will be delivered in a virtual format for the 19/20 school year. This decision was made with the safety of our students and staff in mind. The program dates are still to be determined; however, ESY will begin on either June 15 or July 7, 2020, and run through either August 11 or August 17, 2020. The program schedule will remain the same as in the past: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for three hours/day. Transportation will not be required.

ESY will be presented in a hybrid manner with asynchronous and synchronous learning. Students will be supported by a team which will include a special education provider and a speech and language pathologist. This combination of staff will be creating and presenting live lessons to students three days a week. The daily lessons will last 10-30 minutes, based on the developmental level of each individual student. Instruction will also include taped sessions, paper and pencil activities, enrichment/supplemental activities, online curriculum (Unique Learning System) based on goal area(s) of concern, as well as communication, transition and behavior supports. Historically, paraprofessionals have been utilized in our ESY program to support students with toileting, behavior, feeding, and other personal care needs; however, paraprofessional support will not be needed in this virtual format.

Staff will continue to require access to technology and the internet to create and record their lessons as well as to prepare enrichment and supplemental materials. If a staff member needs access to a building to prepare lessons and materials, the building (Webster) will follow the CDC Guidance for Schools for access and cleaning protocols. Students will need access to technology and internet, as well as school supplies needed to complete the enrichment and supplemental materials. These materials are covered in our revised Act 18 budget for our ESY program. A plan will be developed to deliver these materials to the students using safety measures that will include Personal Protection Equipment for staff.

Please let me know if additional information is needed on this topic.