

Woburn Public Schools Special Education Office

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Dear Parent/Guardian(s),

It has been another busy week in the virtual Special Education Office. Many of you have reached out in different ways to share successes, ask questions, and communicate concerns. We continue to work very hard to follow the guidance set forth by the DESE, and remain committed to ensuring a positive remote learning experience for all of our students.

Our educators are actively preparing written remote learning plans for every student; please reach out to your liaison if you have not received this by April 29, 2020. The boards on the <u>special education remote learning</u> <u>website</u> continue to be updated weekly, and we encourage you to explore the many activities, resources and supports that we have posted. Additionally, the Massachusetts Director of Special Education, Russell Johnston, asked today that this letter be shared with you, along with this Family Resource Toolbox.

As many of you are aware, liaisons began reaching out this past week to schedule (optional) virtual team meetings. You will be provided with instructions and a consent form prior to the team meeting, and we ask for your patience as we work through and adjust to this new virtual process.

As we begin our spring vacation, I can't help but to reflect on the past few weeks and the many remarkable emotions that we are all feeling, and at least for me, struggling to comprehend. Please know that we miss seeing our students everyday, and hope that you are all healthy and finding some silver linings during this surreal time. We sincerely appreciate the many efforts of families to support and collaborate with us on so many levels. As we begin another week at home, I would like to share a video chosen for you by the special education staff.

Warmly,

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