April 6, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The District intends to administer special education and related services remotely through Distance Learning, which may involve video teaching and/or teletherapy. The use of teletherapy as a service delivery model involves the use of electronic information and communication technology by a provider to deliver services to an individual pursuant to a service mandate, when the individual receiving the service is at a location different from that of the provider. Utilizing such technology, particularly for group discussions, presents an increased risk that family members of other students viewing the same lesson will observe the delivery of services to a student. We ask that you make every effort to be respectful of the privacy interests of other students. Where possible, should a student in your home participate in-group services, we ask that you have him or her do so from a location, which cannot be observed by others. To the extent that other household and family members observe the delivery of instruction to other students, kindly respect the privacy of the other students and not disclose personal information about any student to any third party. Any students participating in video teletherapy should be properly dressed, with the applicable video/camera placed at eye level. The environment surrounding the camera should be free from unrelated visual and auditory distractions.

Any parent who does not agree to receive services through video teaching and/or teletherapy should contact, Carol DelValle at CdelValle@uniondaleschools.org or Mr. Shelby Streeter at Sstreeter@uniondaleschools.org. If your child accesses services through video teaching and/or teletherapy, the District shall consider such access as your consent to receive services through that modality.

Please be advised that video teaching and/or teletherapy services are authorized for a period not to exceed the declared state of emergency relating to the COVID-19 crisis. Notwithstanding that, you have the right to revoke consent orally or in writing at any time during this period by contacting the provider at the contact information provided above.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Ms. Carol DelValle
Mr. Shelby Streeter