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Dear SWBOCES Families and Guardians,

As you know, the current circumstances and responses from our region and state to the COVID-19 Virus have been rapidly changing. Later today, there will be an announcement by the Westchester County Executive to provide information regarding the duration of school closings. We will continue to provide information as it becomes available.

SWBOCES faculty and administrators have been working on remote learning plans for all students in the event we need to remain closed for an extended period of time. We value the continuation of learning and students' connection to school, so we have developed activities in which students can engage while school is not in session. Learning resources and materials will be shared in several ways including virtual access through digital tools like Google Classroom, email, virtual folders on school webpages that can be accessed through our District website at <https://www.swboces.org/>, and the US Postal service for hard copy distribution. We have also been developing individualized materials based on students' IEP goals with service providers, clinicians, and instructional classroom teams. These will be shared directly with families/students, and may include a suggested daily schedule in an attempt to maintain a learning routine.

Please know that we recognize that the changes in our school schedule present many challenges to families and we are committed to minimizing the disruption to your child's learning as much as possible. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this time as we work together in taking the recommended steps to maintain student education and services while protecting the safety of our students and school communities.

If you have questions please reach out directly to your school principal or contact the Interim Director of Special Services, Jennifer Simmons at (914) 417-8332 or the Assistant Director of Special Services, Andrea Byrne at (914) 417-1103.

We wish you good health and safety during this time. Please know we will work alongside your districts and continue to support you and your families in any way we can.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Simmons

Jennifer Simmons, Interim Director of Special Services