BEDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I want to provide an update for you on our planning for Extended School Year (ESY) services for this summer. ESY services will be provided remotely this year. However, it's important to note that ESY planning is subject to change based on any guidance from the Governor or DESE that we receive. In an effort to address many of the questions we have received regarding ESY, I've put together some frequently asked questions and answers. If you have additional questions that I have not addressed, please reach out to your special education program administrator or myself and we'll be happy to answer them for you.

Who will receive remote ESY services? Through the IEP team process, many students have been identified as requiring ESY services and it is listed as a service in their IEP. All of these students will receive ESY services through a remote learning plan. Additionally, given the amount of time we have missed from school, liaisons may identify additional students that they recommend to receive services through a remote learning plan. Parents of these students will be notified by the student's liaison.

What can I expect ESY services to look like? Right now, students are receiving a combination of general education curriculum and special education services. Over the summer, students will only receive special education services. The services will address the student's IEP goals and objectives. The program is a 5 week program that will take place July 7-August 6 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week. The SAIL program will take place July 6- August 13. Each morning will start with a morning meeting. Each student's programs will be individualized based on their IEP goals and objectives.

How will I know what my child's plan will look like? Much like the remote learning plans you received at the start of remote learning; each liaison will develop an ESY remote learning plan. Each plan will identify the staff that will work with each student, the goals and objectives that will be worked on, the services and a schedule.

When will I be provided with my child's remote learning plan? Remote learning plans will be provided to parents on or before the last day of school.

What is the timeframe to let the school district know if my child will or will not be participating in **ESY?** In order for us to ensure that we have the appropriate staffing for ESY, we will be sending you a Google Form asking you to indicate whether you intend to have your child participate in remote ESY services or not. We ask you to please respond to the survey when you receive it.

Please let us know if you have any additional questions. Your input is always appreciated.

Sincerely, arianno M. Vines