

May 6, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

We are thinking about each of you during this time of school closure. We miss our students and our families! We hope that you have felt supported during this time, and invite you to reach out directly to your teachers, schools, and to the Department of Learning Support – Special Education Services at any time.

Schools and departments are continuing to work together to provide learning opportunities to students with disabilities. Teachers and related service providers should be reaching out to you, sharing resources, answering questions about learning plans, and working with students on learning alternatives to satisfy Quarter 4 expectations. We realize that the virtual learning format is not ideal for every student, and we will continue to provide flexibility in learning activities to meet the needs of all learners based on their academic and functional circumstances. We will continue to communicate with you, as family partners, so that we are able to determine the impact of the school closure on our students, which will allow us to determine how best to support our learners once school reopens.

Instructional materials and activities, including related services resources, have been updated and shared on the Learning Support – Special Education Services Learning in Place website (<https://www.npsk12.com/Page/15014>) to support at-home learning. We are in a season of change, and we want to hear from you! Please complete the **Family Check-In Survey** <https://forms.gle/WhKkTf7gVtvUdV918> to let us know how things are going. If you are unable to access this information online, please email jrichardson1@nps.k12.va.us.

We are very excited to add a new resource to the website this month! NPS and Rethink Ed have partnered to provide you with access to Rethink's Special Education Program through June 30, 2020. Rethink SEL is a comprehensive K-12 online platform that provides access to social-emotional learning supports for students of all ages and abilities, teachers, staff, parents/guardians, and caregivers. It includes on-demand videos, instructional materials, lessons, and activities to support student learning. We invite you to visit the NPS/Rethink Ed website at <https://www.npsk12.com/Page/15479> to create a parent log-in.

Finally, please join the Special Education Parent Resource Center and the Learning Support – Special Education Services Department staff for a Q&A Zoom session at 10 a.m. on May 15, 2020. You may register using Eventbrite with this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/qa-for-families-of-students-with-disabilities-nps-parent-resource-center-tickets-104429541570>. Upon registering, you will receive the Zoom link and password. Please send your questions in advance to parentresourcecenter@nps.k12.va.us.

We are so proud of how hard our schools and families are working to support each other. We celebrate every single success with you. Please stay safe and know that you are important to us!

Respectfully,



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