

# Erie Rise Leadership Academy Charter School



April 13<sup>th</sup> 2020,

Dear Erie Rise Parent/Guardian,

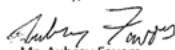
As you are aware, due to the Coronavirus ("COVID-19") safety concerns, Pennsylvania schools have experienced a statewide shutdown. In these unprecedented times, we hope this letter finds you healthy, positive, and upbeat. Together, we will get through this trying time and come out of it better than ever. In response to this crisis, Rise has provided enrichment packets to and continues to prepare online learning opportunities for our scholars.

In regard to special education services, the following notice has been provided to us from PDE: When a school is closed because of COVID-19 response efforts and does provide educational services to the general student population, districts/schools must ensure that, to the greatest extent possible, each student with a disability can be provided the special education and related services identified in the student's IEP or section 504 plan. As noted, even under these circumstances, special education students must have access to the same opportunities as the general student population through a free appropriate public education ("FAPE"). In light of this, Erie Rise will continue to provide the following services: compliance with student IEPs, providing accommodations, ensuring FAPE is provided and providing speech and physical therapy programs and services.

As reflected in your child's current Notice of Recommended Education Placement (NOREP), their special education services will be provided to the greatest extent possible but due to these circumstances, adjustments may need to be made to help your child succeed during the time. Rise intends to deliver the student's current plan of services in the online/enrichment packet environment to the greatest extent possible.

In addition, each child's case manager (both 504 and IEP) will be responsible to work closely with each of their students, families, and the general education teachers to ensure the necessary support and instruction is being provided. Curriculum is being assigned in all of our digital platforms, including ConnectEd, USATestPrep, Khan Academy, and Prodigy. Printed copies of these materials, and student specific materials, will be available of 1006 West 10th Street during all meal distributions. Finally, we will continue to hold IEP/504 team meetings through the virtual platform or phone conference. Since this is an unprecedented event, we are asking for your understanding and flexibility. One thing I can assure is that our teachers will help in every way they can and do everything in their power to ensure that your child is successful. If there are questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out at [vwill@erieriseacademy.org](mailto:vwill@erieriseacademy.org). Stay healthy and positive.

Sincerely,

  
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