



Northern Suburban  
Special Education District

*Kurt A. Schneider, Ph.D. Superintendent*

August 5, 2020

Re: Provision of Live Stream, Web-based Individual or Group Instructional and Educational and Related Service Activities

Dear NSSED Families:

On July 31, 2020, we provided families with NSSED's Fall 2020 Reopening Plan. Under that plan, all NSSED programs will begin the year remotely, with a gradual phased-in approach towards the goal of full-in person learning in October. In an effort to provide continuous learning opportunities to our students, including students eligible for special education and related services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, we wanted to inform you that the District will provide various live streamed and web-based individual or group instructional, educational and related service sessions ("Activities") through electronic platforms to students, such as Zoom or Google Meet.

The District will deliver educational instruction and specialized services and Activities to your student pursuant to his or her IEP or Section 504 Plan in a variety of delivery models including livestreamed and/or recorded lessons and using remote meeting platforms. Students will be logging into the remote meeting platforms and engaging with District staff and other students from home. The utilization of online and remote meeting platforms and participation in remote instruction and Activities may result in other students, parents, or others having the capability to view the other students (and possibly other family members) in these groupings. This access could occur in real time or thereafter, depending on who views the remote instruction and Activities during delivery and/or how the particular platform and/or those participating maintains the data. Further, depending on the electronic platforms utilized, the platform may otherwise maintain, utilize or disclose school student record information and other protected information for its own purposes, including for the platforms' own product development or marketing purposes in accordance with the platform's terms of service. Any disclosure of information carries with it the potential for an unauthorized re-disclosure of the information, resulting in the information no longer being protected by federal and state confidentiality laws.

When your student is participating in remote learning, please ensure your student is in a quiet location with minimal distraction, and that his or her device is not visible to the public. We note that no virtual classroom, group, or individual session should be recorded, downloaded, or shared in any manner by students or parents. Your student remains subject to the District's Acceptable Use Policy.

The District's goal is to provide access to continuous learning opportunities for our students to support them as we move towards full, in-person instruction. Your student's participation in these Activities constitutes a waiver of all claims against the District arising out of and connected with your student's participation in any of these Activities, and agreement to not audio or video record such Activities.

If you have any concerns regarding your student's participation in remote learning through virtual meeting platform(s) during this period, especially regarding your student's privacy or confidentiality rights, please contact our Assistant Superintendent of Technology, Communications, and Data Services, Mary Morgan Ryan, at [mmorganryan@nssed.org](mailto:mmorganryan@nssed.org).

Thank you for your partnership and patience as we work to provide your student with continuous learning opportunities during this challenging time.

Sincerely,

Kurt A. Schneider, Ph.D.  
Superintendent