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Dear LRE/LIFE SKILLS Parent:

I am so excited to welcome your children back to school! I could never have envisioned living through a pandemic. Even though the pandemic continues to spread, I am trying to find some normalcy in my personal life and attempting to establish some normalcy for our most precious students as they return to the schools. In doing so, there are numerous changes within the special education department for those students attending in-person this school year. All changes are based upon CDC guidelines for reopening of schools and to ensure our most precious population is kept safe and healthy.

Here are some of the changes that will involve Ms. Maggie, Ms. Courtney, and Ms. Bridget's classes this school year.

- LRE/Life Skills students will have in-person education school Monday-Thursday.
- LRE/Life Skills students will have distance learning every Friday. (Students will stay home on Fridays but the teacher will provide activities for the students to complete in the home setting.)
- LRE/Life skills students will NOT change classes this school year. Teachers will rotate
 when needed to ensure students have access to the regular program.
- LRE/Life Skills students will be asked to wear masks on the bus and in the building but there are exceptions for students that cannot tolerate masks. The exemptions/exceptions will be documented within student's IEP's, as necessary.
- LRE/Life Skills students will have a contingency plan established in case schools close during the school year.
- LRE/Life Skills teachers will have a student/parent website for their classroom and the websites will be updated weekly.
- LRE/Life Skills field trips, special parent luncheons, and other gatherings will be suspended for the school year. The students will celebrate special occasions in the classroom, but no extra people will be allowed to attend. *I hope to possibly create a way for families to participate through virtual means (Facetime or Microsoft Teams).

If the COVID situation in our state changes and school can return to normal (typical school), I will reassess the above guidelines and notify all parents. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact my office at 731-696-2604 or email me at katie.metcalf@crockettcavs.net.

Gratefully yours,
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