April 3, 2020

Dear Parents,

On Wednesday, April 1st, the Department of Education issued a Notice of Rule Waiver/Modification/Suspension under the authority of Governor Murphy's Executive Order 103. The Notice permits the temporary use of telepractice to deliver Special Education and Related Services to students with disabilities during school closures. Related services include but are not limited to Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Applied Behavioral Analysis and Counseling.

To the extent deemed appropriate, students attending the Glen Ridge Public Schools will begin to use telepractice to provide related services in accordance with each student's IEP. For students who receive related services in a group setting, it is important for you to understand that the session may be observed by other students and/or parents, who may be present or observing the group to assist their student. As a result, each parent who may be present will be asked to acknowledge that they are not a participant in the group services, although they may be present to assist their child. Additionally, you will be required to confirm that you understand that the services are confidential, and you will not record or permit any other person to view or listen to the remote services.

Within the next few school days, your child's therapist will contact you to discuss the delivery of service(s) for your child. The District will make an effort to provide the related services in your child's IEP to the greatest extent possible.

Should you wish to opt-out of having your child receive his or her related services through telepractice you may do so on the attached Google form.

Any questions about the delivery of telepractice should be directed to your student's case manager. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we navigate the challenges of remote instruction.

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Parental Consent for the Delivery of Related Services via Telepractice

Sincerely,

Jack DeWitt
Director of Student Services