



SPECIAL SERVICES
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Dear Westfield Parents of Special Education students,

On behalf of the special education department, I would like to provide you with some updates regarding reopening and services.

Special education students will return to school in the following manner:

PHASE 2: October 19, 2020 start date - Special Education Programs (**RISE, LLD, QUEST, Transition Program**) and Level 1 & 2 English Language Learners. *These groups will return to school (in person) every day.*
Grades: Kindergarten, 1, 5, 7, 9. *These groups will return (in person) every other week (A & B week).*

PHASE 3: November 2, 2020 start date (upon approval of the School Committee) - All students in grades 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12. *These students will return to school (in person) every other week (A & B week)*

PHASE 4: TBD (implemented when a vaccine or treatment is developed) - All students return to (in-person) learning.

Special education services, including specialized instruction and related services, will be provided to in-person to those students returning and/or remotely, as WPS moves through the phased reopening of in-person learning. Paraprofessionals are working remotely and in-person with students in small groups or individually as directed by the classroom teacher. Communication should be directed to the classroom teacher.

IEP Team meetings are being held and evaluations are taking place. The special education administrative team continues to meet frequently with related services, behaviorists, ETLs, special education teachers and paraprofessionals to provide consistency and support.

The special education department will be presenting at the November 5th Westfield SEPAC meeting. The topic, "Interpreting 3-Year Testing Results," will discuss assessments and how they impact educational decision making. The meeting is at 6:30 - **Zoom Meeting ID: 527 108 1333 Passcode: 3uht0**

As always, I continue to thank you for all of your support you have given to the special education department and to the Westfield Public School district.

Sincerely,

Deb Ecker