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Dear Parent/Guardian(s),

Over the past several weeks we have all had to adjust to a variety of unexpected changes due to COVID-19. Our family routines have been turned upside down as we are forced to socially distance, work remotely, learn remotely, and especially as we grapple with the frightening health concerns that are sweeping the nation. I hope you and your family are healthy, safe, and enjoying some of this beautiful weather as we pass this time together as a community. I am writing to provide an update, and to share the Woburn Public School's vision for remote learning for our students with disabilities.

We have collaborated extensively across the district to embrace remote learning for all of our students, and to devise solutions that will meet diverse needs in an equitable fashion. In addition to providing resources, skill review, and outreach, to the extent possible we are providing specialized instruction and services for our students with special needs. It is important to remember that in a remote learning environment, services will be provided differently than they are when school is in session. Just as we are not duplicating a student's typical school day, remotely, we will not be duplicating a student's service delivery grid. Your child's liaison will be providing you with a remote learning plan. Our goal is to keep our learners connected to ensure a continuum of services and skill progression.

Many families have reached out to enquire about virtual team meetings. We have developed a process and will begin offering virtual meetings for our *annual team meetings* beginning May 5, 2020 if school is not back in session. Liaisons will be reaching out to begin scheduling these shortly and to share information regarding the virtual process.

I thank you for your patience as we work through this new learning model together. We care deeply for all of our students and hope to maintain engagement and connections as we continue to navigate this public health crisis as a community. I continue to emphasize the importance of staying healthy, getting outdoors, and spending time together as a family.

Warmly,

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