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Dear Parents, Guardians, School District Representatives, and School Personnel:

Thank you to all the stakeholders for their continued trust and support of The Matheny School. Our goal of providing the optimum quality and quantity of IEP services as safely as possible continues to be refined. We are offering hybrid in person options by the ESY and 5 day a week instruction starting in the fall. The Department of Education is scheduled to conduct an inspection of our facility tomorrow, 6/4 for both the program and facility approvals of the physical space. Once we know which rooms are approved and for how many students we will be able to develop PODs (term given by the department of health) from our class lists, we will hopefully be able to offer in-person instruction two days per week and virtual programs 3 days per week. We are presently working with the hospital to locate outside instructional and therapy spaces that can be utilized as per guidance from the Department of Health and Department of Education.

Hybrid options shall be run out of our Peapack campus, yet we do not have a location finalized for the regular school year. For those parents and districts that request virtual instruction only, we will still be able to provide that yet intend to send paraprofessionals out to the homes as listed in phase 2 of version 10 of our state approved reopening plan.

Since our last letter, all school staff who have requested N95s have been fit tested and we have procured enough PPE to start. We have a more refined hybrid schedule that will be modified dependent upon how many students requested the hybrid schedule, and guidance from both the Department of Health and Education. Therapy caseloads will be dependent on guidance from the state. Once they are finalized, therapists will contact parents and districts about range of hybrid services. There are many factors that are currently in flux, yet we are confident that we can be ready. Presently, we have many districts that did not request 1-1s until we were back in person. Now that we are coming back, this is an example of an area of need that we are addressing. We will be contacting individual district case managers and parents who are effected by this.

As soon as our hybrid schedule is developed it will be shared with all stakeholders so that districts can plan transportation and parents and staff can plan their schedules. Once again, we thank everyone who has come together to work on our shared goal. We thank the School Board Members, the Somerset County Executive Director's Office, the Department of Health, and all the hospital staff that have supported us this year and continue to offer their support. As we push forward on all fronts we ask that if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions to email mathenyschool@matheny.org.

On Behalf of the School Community,

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