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Dear Parent,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well during this year of flexibility as some of us have remained virtual while others have opted to return to face to face instruction during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Admission, Review, and Dismissal/Individualized Education Program (ARD/IEP) Committees will carefully consider, on an individual basis for all students with disabilities, the need for Extended School Year Services (ESY) based on identified ESY criterion.

For students for whom ESY has already been determined, no additional consideration is needed.

Summer 2021 ESY services will be provided virtually and in person. Learning packets will also be made available for those students unable to access online learning environments. The dates for ESY are June 17 to July 8, Monday through Thursday beginning the week of June 21st. If ARD committees determine that additional ESY services are needed beyond July 8, further information will be provided based on those needs.

Parents are asked to complete the ESY Opt-In (English) should ESY services be desired.

While instructional resources are being made available for parents and teachers to access, support and services should be individualized and based on the students’ IEPs. Instructional packets will be mailed to students who do not have access to technology or the internet. The packets will be based on the grade level to which the student is enrolled or alternate curriculum as appropriate.

If you have any questions, please contact your campus special education staff. You may also email spedsupportingparents@houstonisd.org or call 713-556-7042.

Sincerely,

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