



Special Education Association of Peoria County
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for your extraordinary patience over the past several days, as we here at SEAPCO have worked together to protect and support our educational community in Peoria County during the growing coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic. To further safeguard Illinois from the spread of the virus, Governor JB Pritzker has declared mandatory school closures for all buildings, both public and private, serving pre-kindergarten through 22 level students.

At this time, this mandatory closure takes effect Tuesday, March 17 through Monday, March 30. We have asked that all of our case managers (special education teachers) provide their email contact to parents and guardians as a main source for academic resources to support their students. There are also additional free resources for academics included on our website - www.seapco.org. To supplement these services, we encourage you to engage your children in other free, online educational activities. The Illinois State Board of Education has compiled a library of resources at www.isbe.net/keeplearning.

For our students who are receiving a related service, there are resources targeting specific therapies on the website as well; such as social work, speech, occupational therapy and physical therapy. Please use the related tabs to access resources and contact information for our therapists.

We will also continue to have at least one administrator or manager on site during the following office hours instead of 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. In addition to these office hours, our phone system sends messages directly to email, so if you access the staff directory for our central office, your message will be sent directly to that staff member via email.

We are in regular contact with ISBE and our local ROE in regards to matters related to special education. As we learn more we will share information on our website and through communication with your child's case managers or special education administrator as necessary.

We will continue to inform you as quickly as we can about any further changes to school services. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at lhaas@seapco.org or by phone at 309-697-0880 ext. 210.

We appreciate our partnership with our districts as well as your support. We will get through this together.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lora Haas
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