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Dear Parent/Caretaker/Guardian:

We continue to hope that these weekly letters will always find you and your family healthy and well. As the situation with COVID-19 continues to evolve, people are naturally becoming more anxious to learn more about the Center for Applied Behavioral Instruction's (CABI) ongoing response to the situation. We, therefore, want to continue to update you on CABI's remote learning plan.

By now each student should have a structured daily schedule and beginning to adjust to the new way of learning, innovating, and collaborating in new ways. Although, we are aware that this doesn't come easy and at times can be very frustrating we want to assure you that the CABI staff is available to help support you to their best of ability during these trying times. Please continue to reach out to the CABI's clinical staff for assistance with behavioral needs, strategies, and support.

Students have been provided with an individualized academic plan and a weekly schedule. CABI staff continue to update academic programs and providing academic materials regularly. Communication continues to be a strength and appears to be going well. Family communication can be accessed via phone, emails, and virtual platforms. Individual Remote Learning plans will be issued to Districts and parents per the DESE recommendations. Enrichment activities continue to be a preferred activity for both staff and students. Our CABI staff have been hard at work creating fun and interactive activities. Thank you to all who participated in this week's School Spirit Week. We enjoyed the photos and inspiration.

One of the platforms that have been frequently used are Zoom Video's and Web conferencing for staff, team and family meetings as well as when training a parent/guardian or providing and/or observing programming. While we always work to maintain the privacy of CABI's students and families, the provision of remote services can present some challenges to this. CABI staff have been informed of Zoom recommended steps they can take to better secure online sessions and prevent what has become known as zoombombing - the entrance of uninvited participants into a Zoom session. We will continue to monitor the use of these sessions.

Soon you will be able to find additional Resources on the CABI website https://cabiautism.org/. Please continue to follow us on Facebook where you can find the smiling faces of our students and staff virtually connecting, discovering and learning.

Sincerely,

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