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Dear Parent/Caretaker/Guardian:

I hope this finds you and your family healthy and safe. We would like to update you on our current level of instruction for CABI students. Since the Governor's request to suspend schoolbased services we have put into place a comprehensive remote/distant learning plan. Over the past week, CABI has been busy providing behavioral and educational supports to families and students. CABI students and families have been busy during this interim educational approach. We continue to help our families and students acclimate to the world of technology, and distance education. We will continue to bring depth to the behavioral and educational programming in conjunction with each family's ability to support the services as they become more accustomed to the delivery methods. We are extremely proud of the students, families, and staff during these most challenging days.

All the students have been offered mini program books and included in these books are lesson plans, academic materials, schedules, and abbreviated Behavior Support plans. Lessons are targeting the student's IEP goals and objectives. Learning materials are continuously being provided to families to help support the instruction at home. Individualized accommodations and modifications are designed by the special education teacher. Each student is provided a classroom schedule and an individual schedule weekly. Included in their daily schedule the students have both individual (2:1 and 1:1) and group-based lessons (i.e., social skills, morning meeting, fun activities).

Specialists (SLP, OT, PT) integrate their services by attending individual and group lessons and provide direct services per their IEP. All lessons are delivered virtually through platforms such as Zoom and Google classroom (per teacher discretion). Instruction delivered during 1:1/2:1 session include a BCBA or classroom teacher and an ABA instructor/direct staff (RBT). Social skills group is scheduled 1x/week with BCBA, SLP, and classroom staff.

To support the instruction CABI has been providing additional online resources, activities, and enrichment for families. These resources include social and academic skills, and behavioral supports.

By now you should have been offered parent consults on an as-needed basis in addition to our typical monthly parent clinics. Daily communication is provided with students and families by internet connections (i.e., email, zoom) and telephone.

We feel that it is important to continue to provide a group outlet for our students and to that end CABI is providing school-wide activities such as Zumba, spirit week and daily exercise programs (yoga, stretching). Zumba has been particularly popular with the families and staff!

It is important to note that this model plan our general framework for delivery of behavioral and educational services at this time and that further detailed instruction is based on the individual student and family needs. We will continue to develop and monitor the learning program on a weekly basis.

Thank you for your continued support and as always please feel free to reach out with any further questions, feedback and/or concerns.

Sincerely,

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