Dear Families,

Last week I sent a note indicating we may be able to open prior to the July 4th break. In our haste to once again provide on-site services, and with some limited early information, made the decision to present the possibilities to our families. We have been provided further guidance by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, DESE with regard to programs opening. They have stipulated a 25% of building occupancy maximum (approximately 60 individuals are able to be in our building at any given time, including staff, and no more than 12 individuals, including staff, in any room) in program sites, as well as a 3-hour maximum school day for direct instruction. Therefore, we will be developing a plan to open for students on July 13th based upon the guidelines directed by the DESE.

We will begin by providing a half day schedule to our students once we have received word from each of our families about student attendance this summer. The sessions will be 8:30-11:30am and 12:30-3:30pm. Our goal is to make in-session instruction available to all of our students daily with supplemental parent driven instruction for the remaining hours of the school day. Upon receipt of your child’s summer schedule please reach out to Melissa Belsito, Student Service Coordinator, at mbelsito@cabiautism.org with any questions or concerns you may have. We ask that you be patient with us as the logistics are daunting and we may not be able to accommodate requested schedule changes due to the limitations put forth by DESE and our building capacity.

Once we have identified schedules for all students who will be attending, information will be sent to your local school in order to coordinate transportation services. We will also continue to provide remote learning instruction for those who choose to keep their child at home until the start of the new school year, but the delivery may be altered due to the requirement the teaching staff have during this transitional period.

Thank you for your continued collaboration.

Regards,

Brian Doyle
Executive Director