



Waterford Township  
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Dear Parents and Friends of the Waterford Child Study Team,

The purpose of this communication is to update you in our next phase of plans to provide related services through online tools.

As previously communicated, adjustments to legislation now allow us to provide teleservices for all related services. **At this time, we are expanding to Occupational and Physical Therapy services through a combination of virtual consultative sessions as well as pre-recorded video options and other printable resources.**

Our service providers are working to create service videos as well as detailed instructions for therapy practices. The goal is to have the students work as independently as possible, with consideration for student age. Therapists will also be providing virtual check-ins with students. This will allow students to have face-to-face time, without overwhelming parents with scheduling.

We continue to follow the guidance established by the U.S. Department of Education, which states, "To the greatest extent possible students with disabilities will be provided the special education and related services in their IEP." Our teaching staff, CST members, and related service providers have been in continuous contact in an effort to plan the best way to implement services to our children.

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To help provide further guidance and expectations for parents and students, here you will find more specific plans for how we will be providing these services:

- [Occupational and Physical Therapy](#)

Our OT and PT therapists will be reaching out to families via email shortly. We ask that parents respond to emails confirming consent to provide instruction. Services will not commence until the district receives your consent.

Please know that we understand that you are receiving an overwhelming amount of information. Our therapists are looking to make this experience as beneficial and supportive as possible for your child. We will continue to work with you in assisting your children while they are home. As always, don't hesitate to reach out when you need us.

Sincerely,

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