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VIA Electronic Mail

From: Anthony Hadzimichalis Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 3:27 PM To: 'Zarra, Joseph' <Joseph.Zarra@doe.nj.gov> Cc: Office <office@westbridgeacademy.org>; Clinical Team <clinicalteam@ westbridgeacademy.org> Subject: Westbridge Academy Distance Learning Plan

Dear Mr. Zarra,

As part of our ongoing commitment to provide our students with outstanding educational opportunities in a healthy and safe learning environment, the Westbridge Academy administrative team would like to advise you that we are committed to creating a pathway toward educational continuity and communication with our school community during these uncertain times. The following summary outlines our distance learning plan in the event of a school closure or early dismissal.

Westbridge Academy Distance Learning Plan:

In the event of a school closure or early dismissal our Honeywell instant alert system will be utilized to inform our stakeholders and school community including: The New Jersey Department of Education, District Directors of Special Services, District Case Managers, Parents/Guardians, Related Service Providers, Transportation Companies and WBA Staff.

WBA students are permitted to come to school if parent transportation can be arranged, in the event of sending district closure or sending district early dismissal if Westbridge Academy remains open.

In accordance with the home instruction provision designated in NJAC 6A:16-10.1, in the event of a school closing or school dismissal, distance learning packets will be mailed home with instructions for traditional learning and e-learning opportunities.

WBA is offering our K-8 students digital access and directions to "I-Ready" for additional supplemental Language Arts and Math, and "Music 1st" for Music.

WBA is exploring options for IEP mandated related services to be provided via teletherapy. In the meantime, packets with instructions will be provided.

Lastly, a home instruction team has been assembled, headed up by our Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction, and is in the final phases of developing and planning for the delivery of supplemental learning activities covering all content areas for up to a 15-day school closure for each Westbridge Academy student.

Please let me know if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Dr. Anthony Hadzimichalis