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Dear TEC Parent/Guardians:

With the Governor's announcement that child care programs, summer day camps, and municipal recreation programs can reopen as part of the state's Phase II economic restart plan, we want to share with you our planning for TEC's summer programming. At this time we are planning on a remote learning environment but are actively developing a contingency plan to reopen our in-person programs if and when it is possible.

TEC is planning based upon the best information we have today about how to maintain the health and safety of our students and staff in any in-person school programs to limit the risk of COVID-19 transmission. We are closely following all of the guidance released by federal and state authorities and recommendations available at this time.

Any summer programs that open will be required to adhere to the final health and safety guidelines that will be issued by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) in collaboration with the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS), the Department of Public Health (DPH), DESE's Return to School Working Group of stakeholders from across the education sector, and relevant experts. TEC will be required to attest that our summer school safety plans meet all of these guidelines.

DESE released preliminary guidance for the re-opening of summer programs on June 4<sup>th</sup> and has indicated that more comprehensive guidance specific to students with disabilities will be released on June 9<sup>th</sup>. TEC's leadership team is actively reviewing this information and is awaiting the additional new guidance from DESE in order to refine our reopening plan.

We all know that students with disabilities will require unique supports and this may make it less possible to practice social distancing. We also know that it may not be possible for students to wear masks for medical or behavioral reasons, requiring strict social distancing of 6 feet which will be challenging. Additionally, we are very mindful of our staff and students with underlying medical conditions that may put them at risk of COVID-19 transmission.

I want to assure you that we are working hard to develop and implement protocols that will allow us to reopen our in-person programs if at all possible, while at the same time keeping our students and staff safe. We will continue to keep you updated as additional information becomes available.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth McGonagle".

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