



Lebanon School District
1000 South 8th Street, Lebanon, PA 17042
(717)-273-9391

NOTICE OF RECOMMENDED EDUCATIONAL PLACEMENT/PRIOR WRITTEN NOTICE (NOREP/PWN)

School Age

Date Sent: 04/14/2020

**CONTINUITY OF EDUCATION
 NOTICE OF RECOMMENDED EDUCATIONAL PLACEMENT
 DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

For LEA Use Only:
 Date of Receipt of Signed
 NOREP/PWN

Dear Lebanon Families:

This is to notify you of the Local Education Agency's (LEA's) action regarding your child's educational program.

1. Type of action taken:

- Proposes initial provision of special education and related services (For this action, the school may not proceed without your written consent in Section 8 of this document)
- Refusal to initiate an evaluation (Must issue *Procedural Safeguards Notice*)
- Proposes to change the identification, evaluation or educational placement of the child or the provision of a free appropriate public education (FAPE)
- Refusal to change the identification, evaluation or educational placement of the child or the provision of a free appropriate public education (FAPE)
- Change of placement for disciplinary reasons (Must issue *Procedural Safeguards Notice*)
- Due process hearing, or an expedited due process hearing, initiated by LEA
- Graduation from high school
- Exiting special education
- Exiting high school due to exceeding the age eligibility for a free appropriate public education (FAPE)
- Extended School Year (ESY) services
- Response to request for an independent educational evaluation (IEE) at public expense
- Other:

The District is issuing this Continuity of Education (CE) NOREP as a means to adhere to the requirements of Act 13 of 2020 (HB 751) and propose continuing education in an interim plan, tethered to your child's IEP, to be implemented during the time of the COVID-19 pandemic and accompanying mandated school closures.

2. A description of the action proposed or refused by the LEA:

This notice serves to inform you that: (1) the District will provide continuity of education for your child; (2) the District will take all reasonable efforts to ensure that your child receives a free appropriate public education (FAPE) as required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) based upon his/her individual circumstances and the mandated school closure; and (3) your child's education will likely differ from the services and support found in the current IEP due to the Governor's closure of schools during the pandemic.

The District is issuing this CE NOREP to notify you of the action it is taking to ensure your child's IEP is implemented with as much fidelity as is possible during mandated social distancing and the closure of all non-life-essential businesses, when teachers and students do not have access to the same resources as when school is open. The District will issue Continuity of Education plans to update you on specifics. This Continuity of Education NOREP and the corresponding Continuity of Education plan will remain in effect only during the period of mandated school closure.

3. An explanation of why the LEA proposed or refused to take the action:

Due to the outbreak of the coronavirus, specifically COVID-19, and the Governor-mandated closure of all public school districts, the District has suspended all in-person learning and instruction until schools are allowed to re-open. The District will not change the special education and related services or placement found in your child's IEP, but will initiate planning and instruction to reflect the best efforts it will take to provide Continuity of Education, tethered to your child's IEP. This CE NOREP serves as notification to you of this action: (1) that the District will provide continuity of education for your child; (2) that your child will receive a FAPE as required by the IDEA, but based upon his/her individual circumstances and the mandated school closure; and (3) your child's education will likely differ from the services and support found in his/her current IEP due to the Governor's closure of schools during the pandemic,. As part of the District's commitment to your child, the IEP team will review and assess him/her, upon return to regular schooling, to (1) determine what additional supports and services your child may require as a result of the mandated school closure and (2) provide any required compensatory education or supports.

4. A description of other options that the IEP team considered and the reasons why those options were rejected. If the action proposed or refused is in regard to educational placement, options considered must begin with the regular educational environment with supplementary aids and services (information about supplementary aids and services is available on the PaTTan website at www.pattan.net):

Options Considered	Reason for Rejection
Providing the specially designed instruction, accommodations, and services to your child as outlined in your child's IEP.	The Governor of Pennsylvania has closed all Pennsylvania schools, thus suspending the ability for the District to provide in-person learning opportunities and the regular resources and materials that are available when schools are open, as may be required by the specially designed instruction, related services, accommodations, modifications, and/or services in your child's IEP.

5. A description of each evaluation procedure, assessment, record or report used a basis for the proposed action or action refused:

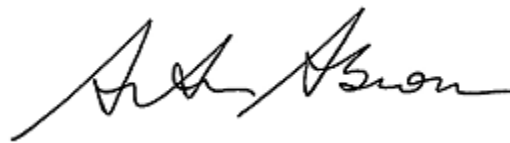
The sole basis for the District's action is in response to the Governor's closure of schools, and social distancing mandates, and the resulting inability to fully implement the services as written in your child's IEP.

6. A description of other factors that were relevant to the LEA's proposal or refusal:

Social distancing, as the primary method to prevent the spread of the coronavirus/COVID-19, prohibits in-person instruction and the learning opportunities that normally occur through the services and/or accommodations/modifications/ specially designed instruction present in your child's IEP.

7. The educational placement recommended for your child is (State the amount and type of special education supports, e.g., Itinerant Learning Support, Supplemental Autistic Support, Full-Time Emotional Support):

Dr. Arthur Abrom, Ed. D.
 School District Superintendent/Designee
 Charter School CEO



Signature

04/14/2020
 Date
 (mm/dd/yy)

You have rights and protections under the law described in the *Procedural Safeguards Notice*. If you need more information or want a copy of this notice, please contact:

Name and Title: Joshua D Coatsworth, Director of Special Education/LEA Phone: (717) 273-9391 ext. 6726

Email Address: jcoatsworth@lebanon.k12.pa.us

8. PARENTAL CONSENT

Directions for Parent/Guardian/Surrogate: Please check one of the options, sign this form, and return it within 10 calendar days. In circumstances when this form is NOT completed and parental consent is NOT required, the school will proceed as proposed after 10 calendar days.

- I request an informal meeting with school personnel to discuss this recommendation.
- I approve this action/recommendation.
- I do not approve this action/recommendation.* My reason for disapproval is:

I request (Contact the Office for Dispute Resolution at 800-222-3353 for information on Mediation and Due Process Hearing):

- Mediation
- Due Process Hearing

*Except for placement in an interim alternative educational setting due to drugs, weapons, or serious bodily injury (§300.530(g), §300.530(i), and §300.531), if you do not approve the action/recommendation, your child will remain in the current program/placement only if you request a due process hearing or mediation through the Office for Dispute Resolution. If you do not request Due Process or Mediation through the Office for Dispute Resolution, the LEA will implement the action/recommendation.

SIGN HERE:

Parent/Guardian/Surrogate Signature	Date (mm/dd/yy)	Daytime Phone
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PLEASE RETURN THIS ENTIRE FORM TO:

Name: Joshua D Coatsworth
Address: 1000 South 8th Street
Lebanon, PA 17042

Attached are state and local resources you can consult to help you understand your rights and how the special education process works.

For help in understanding this form, an annotated *NOREP/Prior Written Notice* is available on the PaTTAN website at www.pattan.net Type "Annotated Forms" in the Search feature on the website. If you do not have access to the Internet, you can request the annotated form by calling PaTTAN at 800-441-3215.

RESOURCES

THE ARC OF PENNSYLVANIA

301 Chestnut Street, Suite 403
Harrisburg, PA 17101
800-692-7258
www.thearcpa.org

BUREAU OF SPECIAL EDUCATION'S CONSULTLINE, A PARENT HELPLINE

800-879-2301
ConsultLine personnel are available to parents and advocates of children with disabilities or children thought to be disabled to explain federal and state laws relating to special education; describe the options that are available to parents; inform the parents of procedural safeguards; identify other agencies and support services; and describe available remedies and how the parents can proceed.

DISABILITIES RIGHTS NETWORK

1414 North Cameron Street
Suite C
Harrisburg, PA 17103
800-692-7443 (Toll-Free Voice)
877-375-7139 (TDD)
717-236-8110 (Voice)
717-346-0293 (TDD)
717-236-0192 (FAX)
www.drnpa.org

HISPANOS UNIDOS PARA NIÑOS EXCEPCIONALES (PHILADELPHIA HUNE, INC.)

2215 North American Street
Philadelphia, PA 19133
215-425-6203
215-425-6204 (Fax)
huneinc@aol.com
www.huneinc.org

MISSION EMPOWER

1611 Peach Street, Suite 120
Erie, PA 16501
814-825-0788
advocate@missionempower.org
www.missionempower.org

OFFICE FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION

6340 Flank Drive
Harrisburg, PA 17112-2764
717-901-2145 (Phone)
800-222-3353 (Toll free in PA only)
TTY Users: PA Relay 711
717-657-5983 (Fax)
www.odr-pa.org
The Office for Dispute Resolution administers the mediation and due process systems statewide, and provides training and services regarding alternative dispute resolution methods.

PARENT EDUCATION AND AVOCACY LEADERSHIP CENTER (PEAL)

1119 Penn Avenue, Suite 400
Pittsburgh, PA 15222
412-281-4404
866-950-1040 (Toll Free)
412-281-4409 (TTY)
412-281-4408 (Fax)
www.pealcenter.org

PUBLIC INTEREST LAW CENTER OF PHILADELPHIA

United Way Building
1709 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Second Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19103
215-627-7100 (Phone)
215-627-3183 (Fax)
www.pilcop.org

PENNSYLVANIA BAR ASSOCIATION

100 South Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101
800-932-0311
www.pabar.org

THE PENNSYLVANIA TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NETWORK (PaTTAN)

Harrisburg 800-360-7282
King of Prussia 800-441-3215
Pittsburgh 800-446-5607
www.pattan.net

STATE TASK FORCE ON THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION

3190 William Pitt Way
Pittsburgh, PA 15238
1-800-446-5607 ext. 6828