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Dear Parent,

We are reaching out to all families with students identified as mentally gifted under PA Chapter 16 to outline the district’s plans during the Governor’s closure of school facilities due to COVID-19. All school entities are trying to navigate through this uncharted territory. Your school team, comprised of teachers, support staff and administrators have been busy in trainings and preparing to offer a level of continuity of education (CoE). In light of the indefinite closure, we are working to provide an appropriate educational offering for all learners.

Your child currently has a Gifted Individualized Education Plan (GIEP). The district plans to implement the GIEP to the maximum extent necessary and possible given the changes to the educational program and mode of delivery. Learning opportunities that include acceleration and/or enrichment, as required by Chapter 16 and based upon your child’s individual circumstances, will be provided. These may include class meetings, pre-record or live sessions, learning logs, academic and STEM challenges, alternate assignments, etc. Of course, your child will also have full access to the regular education CoE through his/her teacher. As Dr. Kepler shared, we are encouraging a “calm engagement into learning opportunities.” Your child’s teacher(s) will be reaching out to you to discuss any questions or concerns you may have, and we encourage you to communicate with your child’s teacher should you have any questions at all.

We are committed to working in good faith during this community health crisis to meet your child’s educational needs. Additional information about Palmyra’s CoE Plan is posted on the district’s website ([www.pasd.us](http://www.pasd.us)). We know there are many questions about providing CoE, and we continue to work with local, state, and federal officials during this time to provide information to you as it becomes available. We will keep you informed of the progress on this delivery of services, as well as any necessary changes or adjustments. If you would like to speak with someone, please don’t hesitate to contact me. We appreciate your understanding and flexibility during this time. I’m confident that together, we will work through this crisis and come out stronger than ever before. I wish your family continued good health. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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