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## **RELATED SERVICES**

Dear Parents and Guardians of Little Flower Students,

As noted in earlier communication regarding the continuity of learning plan during the school closure period, your child's related service providers are reaching out to deliver teletherapy sessions consistent with IEP requirements.

Faculty are making these calls during regular school hours, so children should be available for calls during the hours of 8 AM and 3 PM. This not only allows our service providers to reach their students, but supports students through maintenance of as normal a daily structure and schedule as able. Providers are trying to follow their regular session times as closely as possible.

Additionally, some service providers may opt to use group calls and/or video sessions to fulfill mandates as per your child's IEP. If the service provider does so, we take all steps to maintain student privacy under FERPA. Allowing your child to participate in such sessions in a private environment helps maintain confidentiality and would be appreciated.

In the event you do not feel comfortable with your child receiving related services through teletherapy, you have the right to opt out of these services during the duration of the closure and for your child to receive compensatory services when schools reopen. In order to opt out, you **MUST**:

Submit a typed and signed letter or email stating you are opting your child out of each specific related service and request compensatory services when available, directed to Michael Gordon, Director of Special Education, at the address above or [mgordon@littleflowerufsd.org](mailto:mgordon@littleflowerufsd.org).

Lastly, the link below is to a parent letter and resource document from the Interim Commissioner of Education, Shannon Tahoe, titled COVID-19 Updates for Parents. You may find useful information linked within the website.

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/COVID-19-Updates-for-Parents.html?soid=1110847617454&aid=urodPSUnH28>

We thank you for your cooperation during these trying times, and wish you and your family health and safety.

Sincerely,

Dr. Harold J. Dean  
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