



## *Southmoreland School District*

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

During group services or instruction through an on-line platform, it is not possible to ensure student privacy. During virtual group instruction, student’s names and faces may appear on a screen. Further, the virtual group instruction format could provide opportunities for individuals in other student’s households to observe the therapy or instructional sessions. As a reminder, the District will not share health and educational information with third parties without written parental consent. This letter serves to notify our families of the district’s good faith effort to provide therapies and opportunities for instruction and socialization during this unique time.

The District plans to move forward with providing group virtual instruction, when appropriate, unless the District receives written notification of a family’s desire to opt out due to privacy concerns. By allowing your child to participate in group virtual instruction you agree and understand that your child may be viewed by others in the course of the delivery of services. If you do not consent, please contact me via email at [novickoffa@southmoreland.net](mailto:novickoffa@southmoreland.net).

Thank you for your patience during this challenging time. As additional information becomes available, we will keep you updated. If you have any concerns about your ability to access online programming or virtual services, please contact your child’s special education teacher to discuss resources and/or alternatives for the implementation of your child’s program.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding special education services, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly.

Sincerely,

Alexander A. Novickoff, M.Ed