



October 5, 2020

Dear Elwyn Early Learning Services Parents and Guardians:

We certainly hope this letter finds you well! The past several months, since the start of the pandemic and subsequent closure of school programs in the state of Pennsylvania, have been overwhelming, challenging and quite the learning experience for all of us, including your children. As we resume our ability to provide traditional modes of services within Preschool Early Intervention in Philadelphia, we are sure that many of you are anxious about service delivery models and methods and your child's ability to continue to make progress. We share your concern. As you know, the Preschool Early Intervention system has continued with service delivery and evaluations through tele-intervention during the pandemic. This shift has been successful for many of our students & families, however, some regression or a lack of meaningful progress might also be possible for a number of our learners.

We want you to be aware of our plans for addressing the needs of preschool students with disabilities as we reopen and regain some sense of normalcy. We expect that some students might have regressed from prior skill levels or made insufficient progress while also experiencing a delay in their ability to access a Free Appropriate Public Education, FAPE, during the pandemic. This might mean that extra supports or services—sometimes called “compensatory services”—are necessary to continue on the path to meaningful progress toward their annual goals.

“COVID Compensatory Services”, or CCS, are designed to supplement the existing special education program of a child to ensure that any extraordinary loss in skills is addressed. Your child's IEP team will determine whether he or she needs these services and, if so, what those services should be. Some students will need this support, while others might not.

If you have any questions regarding services for your child, please do not hesitate to contact your child's LEA Representative/Service Coordinator. Please also feel free to utilize the regional contact information below. We will be hosting two virtual CCS Parent Information sessions for those interested in more information. These sessions will be held on October 19th at 1:00 PM and October 21st at 9:00 AM. The access information provided below can be used for entry into the virtual information sessions. Please send any questions you might have to [CCSQuestions@elwyn.org](mailto:CCSQuestions@elwyn.org) in advance of the session. We will then be happy to address all received parent concerns during the virtual information session.

Let's work together to make the return to normalcy a healthy and successful experience for our students!

Sincerely,

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### **Virtual CCS Parent Information Sessions**

October 19, 2020 at 1:00 PM: To access this session,  
please use the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/CSSOct19>

or access via phone: #1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID 950 9817 0787

Participant Number: #

October 21, 2020 at 9:00 AM: To access this session,  
please use the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/CSSOct21>

or access via phone: #1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 996 9613 0067

Participant Number: #