



Dr. Victor Simon III, Superintendent

Rebecca Laratta, Eds., Asst. Superintendent

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a wonderful start to the 2019-2020 school year!

As you may know, over the summer, Governor Pritzker signed several pieces of legislation impacting school districts in Illinois. House Bill 3586 directly impacts special education in Illinois schools by creating new processes to support children, parents, and guardians.

Under HB 3586, within 20 days of the start of the school year, districts are required to let you know that you have the right to access related service logs. For example, if your child receives Occupational Therapy as part of his or her IEP, you may request a copy of the service log from the therapist. This email is notification of this change and this information is also available on our Gower website under District and under Curriculum, the Student Support Services Tab, and view the Special Education documents.

In addition, related service logs will be provided to you at each annual review. The service log lists the date of the service and service minutes provided. If there is a lapse in the delivery of a related service (presumably due to the absence of a staff member), the school district must provide parents with written notification, including information about the right to request compensatory education services.

Another component of HB 3586 includes advance copies of IEP documents. At least 3 days prior to a student's IEP meeting, you will be provided with draft copies of all written materials that will be considered by the IEP team (excluding placement and related service minutes). These drafts will be provided by your child's case manager to the primary contact's email unless you indicate otherwise on the form below.

If you have any questions regarding HB 3586, please contact me at 630-986-5383.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Laratta, Ed.S.
 Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, and Student Support Services

Student Name (please print) _____

Parent Name (please print) _____

_____ I prefer paper copies of the drafts of my child's IEP be sent home with my child.

_____ I prefer the drafts of my child's IEP to be sent through email to the following

email address: _____