



# Tidioute Community Charter School

*Providing a World Class Education in a Small Town Environment*

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***“Working Together to Accomplish More”***

July 9th, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

During this challenging time, we at TCCS remain committed to the health and welfare of our students and employees. If you are concerned about your child’s return to school in August at TCCS given a health or special needs consideration please contact Maggie McMahon, Director of Special Education or Nurse Susan Shiley.

TCCS will follow the protocols in place from the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and The Center for Disease Control (CDC) to maintain the health and safety of all staff and all students. If your child has an IEP or 504 plan, is considered to be at high-risk for complications of COVID-19, and should not return to a space, such as a classroom or school building, with a large gathering of people, TCCS can discuss the possibility of providing education for your child at home for a period of time, as needed. In addition, for students returning to school who are at higher risk for severe illness, TCCS will follow guidance from PDE and the CDC to protect those students during the school day if they return to the school building, including to “Determine additional considerations and supports needed for students with disabilities with complex medical needs to ensure the safety of these students and the individuals providing services to these students.” (Per PDE guidance).

In order to provide continued distance learning for students to be educated remotely, in the home, due to the health pandemic, you must provide a statement from a medical doctor detailing your child’s condition to be discussed with TCCS. Then, a meeting will be scheduled on or about August 2020 at the school or virtually to discuss your child’s educational needs for schooling. All educational plans will be individualized and tailored to your child and his/her specific needs identified by an IEP team, the Section 504 Plan and/or as noted by a medical doctor. Such plans would result from discussions per guidelines of PDE, an IEP plan or a Section 504 health plan. For students with IEPs or Section 504 Plans, those teams will convene with parents and guardians to discuss the child’s educational and health needs.

If there are other children in your household who could potentially carry germs home to the child who is considered high-risk, these are factors that must be considered. Options for those children include the medical doctor’s must include them in the statement as well. Then, an educational plan can be developed for the other

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children in the home. A meeting will also be scheduled for those children and an educational plan will be developed for them as well following discussion.

If you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting regarding any health and safety concerns and your child's education during the health pandemic and school re-opening, please contact the Director of Special Education: Maggie McMahon at the school 814-484-3550, on the school cell, 814-406-8026 or email [mmcmahon@tidioutecharter.com](mailto:mmcmahon@tidioutecharter.com). Thank you for choosing TCCS.

Stay Safe,

Maggie McMahon, M.Ed B.C.S.E.  
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