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Dear Friends,

Welcome back! I hope you had a peaceful, restful summer vacation. As we begin another school year, I would like to provide information to you that you may find helpful.

- According to New York State regulations, the district in which a private school is located is responsible for providing special education services for its students with disabilities. As you know, The High Meadow School is located in the Rondout Valley Central School District. Over the past two years, Rondout Valley and High Meadow have developed an excellent partnership on behalf of the students we share.
- While your child attends High Meadow, the Committee on Special Education (CSE) for Rondout Valley will provide the special education and/or related services described on his/her Individualized Education *Services* Program, or IESP. An IESP is a document that defines services appropriate to support a special education student in a private school setting. Should your child return to his/her home school district, the Committee on Special Education for that district will work with you to create an Individualized Education Program, or IEP. It is important to remember that the services provided at High Meadow through your child's IESP may differ from services provided on an IEP developed by your home school district.
- Rondout Valley contracts with Ulster Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) for every special education and related service at High Meadow with the exception of speech/language services.
- We will meet at least once per year to review your child's IESP and draft a new IESP for the following school year. Typically we hold annual review meetings during the month of January. Your child's home district will receive an invitation to attend the annual review, and will be encouraged to attend. This limits the need for you to attend multiple meetings. If you are a resident of the Rondout Valley

Central School District, the CSE will develop both an IEP and an IESP for your child each year.

- Rondout Valley is responsible for the evaluation and identification of students with disabilities at High Meadow School. Your child will receive updated psychological and educational evaluations every three years as well as an updated social history. This is called a *triennial evaluation*. If your child receives speech/language therapy, occupational therapy or physical therapy, updated evaluations in these related services areas will be completed every three years as well. You will be notified by the Rondout Valley Central School District if your child is due for a triennial evaluation, and consent forms for the assessments required will be provided. You can determine when your child's triennial is due by looking at the *re-evaluation date* on the front of your child's IESP.

I'm looking forward to working with you again this year. If you have any questions about your child's IESP or would like to schedule a meeting, please contact me by sending an email to jyannosdall@rondout.k12.ny.us or by calling me at 687-2400 extension 4847.

Sincerely,

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