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Dear Parents, Guardians and Stakeholders:

Over the course of the past several weeks, we have been working to get our day programs and school program ready for opening. With the guidelines out from DDS, DESE and EEC, we have set a target date of July 27th for our adult day programs and July 20th for our school programs. If they have not done so already, staff will be reaching out to you over the course of the next week or so to discuss what the transition back to day programming/school will look like for your loved ones.

While our state funders continue to work in collaboration with providers to ensure continuity of care, the budget for FY 21 remains uncertain. We have a funding retainer through the month of July but are uncertain what our funding will look like moving forward.

The Governor and his leadership team gave an update yesterday at The New England Center for Children (NECC). Vinnie Strully, CEO of NECC, spoke on behalf of residential schools and articulated the needs of this community of providers. During this update, Governor Baker announced that funding was being released to special education residential schools to offset some of the expenses incurred as a result of the pandemic. Amego's children's services division will be receiving \$220,000. While this will help offset costs, it does not come close to what the increased expenses have been and will be moving forward.

We continue to be grateful for the ongoing support from families and stakeholders. Our staff are very grateful to all of you have posted 'shout-outs' so please keep them coming.

As a reminder, if questions come up, please email them to Contact@AmegoInc.org at any time. We look forward to connecting with you tomorrow at 5:00pm. The theme for our background is "what is a year that was most influential to you and why" if you would like to participate.

Thank you,

President and Chief Executive Officer

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