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Dear Parents:

As you may have heard from your child's case manager and/or school counselor, students who are in their junior year of high school that have an IEP are eligible to apply for transition services from ACCES-VR. ACCES-VR is the designated state agency for providing vocational services to individuals with disabilities for transition from school to the community. ACCES-VR counselors guide individuals that qualify through service programs they need to reach their employment goals. The ACCES-VR referral can be completed in school for all 11th grade students with an IEP. If the parent signs the referral and release of information, the school will then provide ACCES-VR with all the information they need to determine eligibility. The counselor from ACCES-VR will come to the school and meet with your child (and you) to discuss his/her needs for transition from school to work/college/community.

There are also other agencies that provide support for individuals with disabilities that qualify. Students can qualify for these services as young as pre-school age.

--The Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) provides high quality, person-centered services, supports and advocacy. For example; ARC provides Family Support Services, recreation programs, Residential Services, and Health Services.

--New York State Commission for the Blind provides vocational rehabilitation and other direct services to children and adults. The primary goal of this agency is to assist consumers in achieving economic self-sufficiency.

--Social Security, Medicaid, Office of Mental Health, and Independent Living Centers are also other sources of support for those who qualify.

If you have not completed the paperwork and you would like to discuss any of the above services for your child, please call me and I will help you make the connection. My office number is 607-735-3082. If I am not in my office, leave a message and I will call you back. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "John D. Wood". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'J' and 'W'.

John Wood

CSE Chair at EHS

"The Elmira City School District is a dynamic and innovative learning organization dedicated to developing learners of character who value their educational experience and can compete globally and contribute locally by collaborating with students, families, and community partners to provide meaningful opportunities in a safe and engaging environment for all."

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