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COVID-19

Virus is mostly mild – and rarely fatal – for children in the United States.

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GARDENING

JoAnne Skelly's gardening clothes stink. And she is thrilled.

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'They miss their kids'

District director describes staff's devotion, success in digital space

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Speech pathologists are using teletherapy to help improve students' skills. Teachers are creating or using videos on Zoom meetings. They're reading favorite books online and showing favorite stuffed animals or toys, calling and talking to students daily, making sure they're doing their homework, continuing to learn and build their skills.

The delivery for classroom instruction has changed in the past few weeks, but the teachers' passion for it in the Carson City School District has not, according to Christine Lenox.

"Kids are adapting well to this," Lenox said. "Change is hard. They're having to be really creative. For my itty-bitties, my 3-year-olds, this is a confusing time for them."

Lenox, Ed.D., the district's director of Student Support Services, oversees Carson City's special education services for students between 3 and 22 years old. The district, which has offerings for prekindergarten to young adults in transition seeking assistance and obtaining employment after they graduate, extends its resources in speech pathology, clinical psychology and school assessments. Lenox said approximately 200 district staff provide expertise in these areas across all the district's sites.

Once the assistant director of Student Support Services for the district and a speech language pathologist and paraprofessional at Carson High School, Lenox is well tied to the families she serves now.

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Bethany Herman, P.E. teacher at Fritsch Elementary School organized a "Ball Drop" where she cleaned up and delivered playground toys/balls to students to use for outdoor fun or recess at home.

Carson City schools find ways to connect with students amid closures

Carson City School District

Many teachers and individuals with the Carson City School District are finding innovative ways to connect with students and families during mandated school

closures from the COVID-19 pandemic. From encouraging online videos from principals and staff to thoughtful messages pressed into the fences at school sites, educators are finding ways to instill some hope, security and

stability in a very fluid and volatile environment.

"These past several weeks, students and families have had to implement a lot of new changes in their regular day-to-day routines, and with those changes,

many, particularly the younger population, may not have adjusted well," said Christine Lenox, EdD, director of Student Support Services for the Carson City

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