As you can imagine, I am receiving many emails about Extended Learning programs. Here is some general guidance for you as you wait for me to reply to your email. Please send future emails to MDE.AlternativeLearning@state.mn.us as multiple people have access to this mailbox and so your question will be answered more quickly.

Best- Sally

General Guidance:

We have had many, many questions about extended time programs running while the schools are closed. These fall into two buckets:

- Targeted Services is for elementary students only
- Credit Recovery, which is for high school students only

Credit recovery programs at the high school level can continue. Most of these were approved as Independent Study programs, although some are seat-based. Due to the difficulty of providing scheduled face to face time in seat-based programs, we would support any face to face programs that want to shift over to independent study. Please contact us at MDE.AlternativeLearning@state.mn.us for assistance with the application process.

Targeted Services programs were all approved as face to face programs. These could be delivered in a distance learning setting with teacher virtual instructional time scheduled outside the core school day. Before beginning, you must confirm that families want their students to continue in this extended virtual instructional time. The program will need to provide a new CLP for Distance Learning Targeted Services as this program is different than what was approved. These certainly can be completed virtually. Please let me know if you would like a sample CLP. These are programs of choice and families need to understand this is separate from the core day distance learning plan. Remember these are not homework help programs. There may be little to no demand for additional virtual schooling and that is something each program should determine in advance.