



OSSEO AREA SCHOOLS

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Early Childhood & Family Education

April 27, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Greetings!

On behalf of Osseo Area Schools Early Childhood and Family Education (EC&FE) programs, I am writing to provide you with updates on our program in response to a district message from Superintendent Cory McIntyre and under directive of Governor Walz response as of April 23, 2020. The information below impacts all classes and activities of the EC&FE program, including: ECFE parent and child classes, Preschool, Preschool Parent Connection, PreK classes, Home Visits and Early Childhood Screening appointments.

School Closure:

- As per Minnesota Governor Walz directive, there will continue to be school closure for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Buildings will remain closed.
- **May 1 and May 4 are non-school (no distance learning) days.**

Distance Learning:

- As an EC&FE program, our staff will continue delivery of distance learning opportunities to all currently enrolled students and families in our program. You will continue to hear directly from your child's teacher on class specific distance learning plans. Remember, the intent is to deliver optional activities, educational and parent support to you and your child while at home.

Our Commitment:

- Families will be reimbursed for the cost of all missed classes due to school closure days.
- Our program phone line: 763-391-8777 and program email address: ecfe@district279.org will continue to be available for parents/guardians to contact our program office.
- Office staff will be checking and responding Monday thru Friday 8am-4pm as phone or email messages are received.
- Reach out to your child's teacher or parent educator if you have questions, needs or concerns. Our staff is available to support you.

Communication:

- We encourage families to stay up to date on important announcements and information from the school district. Information for the community can be found at www.district279.org and our program website www.osseoec.org
- Our program wide e-newsletter communication *EC&FE Family Times* will periodically be distributed to families through an e-newsletter platform supported by Smore.com.
- Stay connected to our EC&FE social media platforms for program related information:
 - Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/OsseoEC/>
 - Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/osseoearlychildhoodprograms/>
 - Twitter <https://twitter.com/OsseoEarly>
- The district has developed a COVID-19 Comprehensive Response Plan. Helpful information and resources for families can be found at www.district279.org/covid-19

I speak on behalf of our entire team when I say we all miss you! As an EC&FE program, I want to express the continued commitment from our entire staff in the delivery of educational and parent support for the remainder of this school year. Please connect with me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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