



March 26, 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 COVID-19 and Governor Walz directive as of March 25, 2020. The information shared below impacts all classes and activities of the EC&FE program, including: ECFE parent and child classes, Preschool, Parent Connection, PreK classes, Home Visits and Early Childhood Screening appointments.

School Closure:

- There will continue to be school closure and no classes held at sites. A tentative return date for students and families is May 5, 2020. This date of course, is subject to revised direction from the governor.

Distance Learning:

- As an EC&FE program, our staff is working to deliver a distance learning plan for our EC&FE families beginning March 30, 2020.
- Currently registered families: You will hear directly from your child's teacher on class specific distance learning plans. 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.
- 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
- 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>

As a program, we will continue to consult with district leaders and take actions under guidance from state authorities, yet this continues to be a challenging time. Thank you for your patience and understanding. I will provide additional information as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

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