TO: All Head Start Center and Home-Based Parents and Guardians

FROM: Gail Nadal, Director of Early Childhood Education

DATE: April 1, 2020

RE: Extension of School Closures

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope this letter finds you and your family doing well and staying safe during this COVID-19 pandemic. We want to let you know that Superintendent Lewis has decided in concurrence with Yolo County Public Health to extend school closures through May 1, 2020. The decision represents a continued effort to reduce the number of affected individuals with COVID-19 and to keep our communities as safe as possible pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order N-33-20, the current Yolo County Shelter in Place Order, and in consultation with Yolo County Public Health.

Distance Learning

As you are aware, we started implementing Distance Learning this week. The YCOE Head Start team put a tremendous amount of time and energy to create meaningful learning materials to support children’s school readiness goals while they are away from school. A few days ago, we had a video conference call with teachers and they are so excited to reconnect with you and continue to support your children remotely. We hope you are as excited as they are.

To make Distance Learning a success, we encourage all of you to use the materials that will be sent to you regularly. If possible, we highly encourage you to set aside a specific time to do these activities with your children. Doing so will create a routine because a lack of routine can be overwhelming for children. Please know that we are here to support you. Let us know what you need from us through the weekly phone call with our teacher. You can also contact your family support staff if you need resources in your community.

Grab and Go Meals

Even with the Shelter in Place Order, we are pleased our school district partners are able to continue to provide breakfast and lunch to all school-age children age 18 and under. A map of all student meal service locations in Yolo County can be found at: bit.ly/FoodforYoloStudents.

In the meantime, please be safe and continue to follow the COVID-19 guidelines that our local and staff government leaders are sharing with us.

- If you have any questions, please go to bit.ly/YCOECOVID-19 and feel free to contact: Gail Nadal, Director of Early Childhood Education at Gail.Nadal@ycoe.org or you can also call at (530)668-3773.

Sincerely,

Gail Nadal, Director of Early Childhood Education