TO: All Head Start Center and Home-Based Parents and Guardians
FROM: Gail Nadal, Director of Early Childhood Education
DATE: March 25, 2020
RE: Distance Learning During the 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 appreciate your patience as we have been working to understand the impact of the school closures as well as to prepare materials for our students. As you know, the Yolo County Public Health Officer issued a Shelter in Place Order for Yolo County from March 19 to April 7, unless extended. Additionally, last Friday, California Governor Gavin Newsom estimated that the duration of school closures may last longer than initially intended, and may remain closed into summer. However, no official decision has been made about the length of school closures.

**Distance Learning**

We are pleased to share with you that we will be implementing distance learning beginning March 30, 2020. Developmentally and age-appropriate learning materials that are aligned with our curriculum will be distributed to families via Footstep2 Brilliance, e-mail, or mail depending on which method is convenient for families. The lesson plans and activities that we plan to send with instructions will support our children's school readiness goals during school closures. Our family support staff will contact all families before March 30th to inquire how families want to access these materials. In addition, throughout the duration of school closures, each student will be case managed by a teacher or a family support staff who will support each student's learning and development via a weekly phone call with families. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact to contact your family support staff.

**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](http://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 [www.ycoe.org](http://www.ycoe.org) and feel free to contact:

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Sincerely,

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