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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope this letter finds you and your family members safe and well. I am writing to share some important information regarding Onsite Classes for the next two weeks. We, at OCHS, are still continuously monitoring the County's positive COVID-19 rates so that we may make refinements to our systems and schedules as needed. We have seen an even more significant increase in the number of positive cases following the Winter Break and Holiday Season. As such, OCHS has made the decision to continue to provide Virtual Learning Services for ALL children until January 29, 2021. While we understand the hardship this may cause some families, OCHS is committed to keeping our staff and your child(ren) safe while still providing services during those two weeks. The new schedule will be as follows:

DATES	EVENT	PLAN
January 18, 2021	Martin Luther King Holiday	Scheduled School Closure
January 5, 2021 to January 29, 2021	Virtual Only Services	Virtual Classes Only for ALL children and families. OCHS Staff will be onsite, however all children will receive Virtual Classes during these four weeks. Your teacher will reach out to you to schedule your child's Virtual Zoom Classes.
February 1, 2021	Classes to Resume Onsite (for qualified families)	Onsite Classes will begin again for those families currently receiving onsite services. Virtual Classes will continue for all other children and families.

If you wish to change your child's current classes from either Onsite to Virtual or Virtual to Onsite, please reach out to your Center Director to see if you qualify to do so.

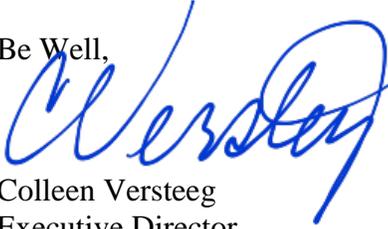
On another note, we know that families often travel out of State or the Country increasing the rate of exposure to the virus. OCHS is encouraging our staff and you to follow the California Department of Public Health's recommendations which currently state:

- *Californians are encouraged to stay home or in their region and avoid non-essential travel to other states or countries. Avoiding travel can reduce the risk of virus transmission and bringing the virus back to California.*
 - *“Non-essential travel” includes travel that is considered tourism or recreational in nature.*

- *“Essential travel” includes: work and study, critical infrastructure support, economic services and supply chains, health, immediate medical care, and safety and security.*

Finally, we greatly appreciate your understanding as we continue to work hard at keeping our children and staff safe while providing your families with essential services, we understand and are saddened by the challenges that so many families are facing during this pandemic. We are truly thankful we are able to work in partnership with you each and every day.

Be Well,



Colleen Versteeg
Executive Director