



OSSEO AREA SCHOOLS  
**Community Ed**

Early Childhood & Family Education

July 20, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Greetings! I hope you are enjoying summer with your family.

On behalf of Osseo Area Schools Early Childhood and Family Education (EC&FE) programs, I am writing to give you an update on the work we have been doing this summer to prepare for our fall programming.

As you may have heard, districts have been asked to prepare for three different scenarios for fall 2020:

1. Children and parents welcomed back to in-person learning in schools
2. Blend of distance/remote learning and in-person learning
3. Only distance/remote learning

The MN Department of Education will provide guidance to programs to support the direction given by Governor Walz. Districts anticipate receiving this direction no later than July 27, 2020.

What to expect

Once we have direction, families will receive more specific information on what we will offer for the fall, including classes and registration details. Because of timing, we will not mail a hard copy of the brochure to homes. Instead, families will receive an email and US Mail postcard with information on how to access an electronic brochure including information on when registration will open for ECFE classes on our district's Community Education registration website: [osseo.ce.eleyo.com](http://osseo.ce.eleyo.com). We will still hold an ECFE registration lottery for classes, but due to timing, families will have a limited time to register prior to the lottery date.

Regardless of the direction from the Governor, I anticipate the need to follow social distancing guidelines and strict cleaning practices. Because of this, the number and type of classes offered this fall will be different.

As we have been working to prepare programming for fall, one option we would like to offer families is the opportunity to continue with ECFE groups that were meeting during the spring of 2020. In the fall, this option would continue as an online distance learning "Friends in ECFE" class. During this online class, a teacher will facilitate at 15-minute parent-child group time followed by a parent education discussion time for 60 minutes. We would need a minimum of five families to create and run a class. Although we cannot promise the same teachers at the same time and day as last year, we will do our best to closely match your experience from the spring. If this is something your family would be interested in, please connect with the other parents in your group to see if they would also be interested. A parent from the group can contact our program office at 763-391-8777 or [ecfe@district279.org](mailto:ecfe@district279.org) and an office staff member will follow-up to coordinate the registration details.

Please watch your email, mailbox, and our program social media platforms for future messages from us regarding our fall programs. I hope to reach out to you again soon with some updated news!

Warmly,

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