



# ***Multnomah Early Childhood Program*** **David Douglas School District**

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Dear MECP Parents and Caregivers,

I would like to give you an update on the Coronavirus and how it is impacting services to children and families. MECP is attempting to minimize the risk to families, children and our staff while we wait for guidance from the Oregon Department of Education. At this time we are asking our staff to contact families that are receiving home visits and offer a phone consultation or consultation by email. For children that are attending Head Starts or community preschools the MECP provider is offering consultations to the teacher over the phone or by email as well. Children receiving services in our MECP classrooms will continue services, as the Oregon Department of Education is not closing schools. All of the MECP classrooms are in school district buildings. We are asking that you keep your child home if they are not feeling well, or may have been exposed to the virus. We will continue to follow the Oregon Health Authority guidelines around sanitation.

We expect services to resume on April 6, 2020 after our two-week spring break. We will continue to take guidance from the Oregon Department of Education. As we receive information we will make sure to keep you updated. Please know that the health and safety of your child and family are our primary concern.

Sincerely,

Lisa Grotting  
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