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Dear Families,

As we move closer to the start of a new school year, we have learned much more about what the start of the 2020/21 school year will look like. Our school’s decision to begin the year with a Distance Learning plan for Fall 2020 was made with safety as our top priority. The ASP understandably faces similar challenges, and to open would undermine the efforts the school has made to prevent COVID related illnesses within our community.

With heavy hearts, we have decided to suspend our After School Program services for Fall 2020, and revisit possible reopening options as circumstances with COVID are ever changing. We will keep you informed as the school year progresses with any changes.

We recognize this program serves so many of our families at different points in the year, and that this will be an additional challenge for families to navigate. Our top priority is to keep everyone safe and healthy, and we will be doing everything we can to reopen when it is safe to do so. We appreciate your participation in our programs, and we look forward to providing care as soon as it is safe to do so.

If your email is on file with our school, you will receive an email notification if a change arises that we are safely able to open. In the meantime, please email me directly with any questions you may have regarding childcare available in the county.

If you need assistance finding support, or have questions regarding child care options that are available currently, I am happy to help. I encourage you first to follow the links on the next page to find local resources for families.

**Local Resources:**

**1. "MyChildCare" Search Engine:**<https://mychildcare.ca.gov/#/home> **Here, you can find information on licensed childcare providers that are currently open including location, health and safety details, ages of children served, capacity, and hours of care.**

**2. Local Resources lists from First 5 Humboldt:** <http://first5humboldt.org/family-resources-for-the-coronavirus-crisis/> **Here, you can find information on local resources for families during COVID.**

**3. Guidance & Support for Working Families (several links):** <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-supportworkingfamilies.pdf>

**4. FDA - Hand Sanitizer Safety**<https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-updates-hand-sanitizers-methanol>

Sincerely,

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