



March 27<sup>th</sup>

Dear Parent/Guardian or Community Member,

Chancellor Ferebee has extended the [modified schedule](#) for all DCPS schools to help prevent the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). The Early Stages evaluation centers will remain closed during this time. However, our staff are still available, and we will continue our regular work with children and families as much as possible until we fully reopen.

**Work that will continue:**

- All eligibility, IEP and ISP meetings will proceed as scheduled. An Early Stages staff member will contact you to confirm that meeting by phone is possible for you.
- We will continue to take referrals and complete developmental screenings.
- We will participate in Transition meetings with Strong Start.
- We will gather evaluation data that does not require in-person contact.

**Work that is temporarily suspended:**

- Evaluations that require in-person contact will be completed after DCPS resumes normal operations. An Early Stages staff member will reach out to you to coordinate scheduling/rescheduling.
- Presentations and professional development sessions in the community will be rescheduled after DCPS resumes normal operations.

We understand the inconvenience this may cause for you, and we will do everything we can to expedite rescheduled appointments. Until then, we continue to seek creative solutions that may allow us to keep our work with you and your child moving forward as much as possible.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sean Compagnucci".

Sean Compagnucci  
Executive Director, Early Stages

