

Head Start/Early Head Start Board Report May 2020

General:

We have been advised by the Regional Office that we will not be asked to complete the Program Information Report (PIR) for this year.

When we reopen we will be moving one double session at James Street and Liverpool and one full day at Merrick to our partnerships at Catholic Charities, Vincent House and the SCSD. Same Book for Head Start children have been delivered to children.

The gas pump has been eliminated at the bus garage. Staff will now utilize Wex cards to purchase their gas for company vehicles and buses.

We have sent out Lakeshore packages to all HS/EHS children to ensure they have some age appropriate supplies to work with. Many families have already received theirs.

We have established a reopening committee that is working on creating a plan for when we are allowed to have children again attend program.

We are considering ways to handle our pre-service trainings for when staff returns. Also, working on policies that may need adjustment during this period.

We have received notice that our Covid-19 Funding will be \$916,596. Working with staff on appropriate ways to spend these monies related to the pandemic.

EHS children that would have aged out of program are being kept in program during the summer and continue with their virtual learning.

Zoom meetings continue for staff as well as parent and policy council meetings.

Many staff continue to watch webinars and participate in virtual trainings to assist with moving forward during this COVID epidemic.

All staff who leave their homes to work will complete the Agency Attestation form.

Supplies are being prepared and will be sent out to EHS and some HS families for summer learning. These boxes will be full of supplies that will correlate to the activities that staff will work with families on doing with children. Box values will be approximately \$300.