

March 21, 2022

## **Combining Classrooms at the Early Childhood Education Center**

Dear ECEC Families,

One of the many mitigation efforts in place at the ECEC is having children stay in one classroom with the same peers throughout the day. As the Community has transitioned into Phase 3 of its Return to Work Plan, the ECEC will implement new practices to support interactions between children and their peers and help maintain staff efficiency throughout the day.

Beginning Wednesday, March 23, the ECEC will combine classes, if necessary, in the early morning (7—7:30 a.m.) and late afternoon (5:15—6 p.m.). This will allow us to schedule more staff during times when there are generally more children present.

This strategy will also allow staff to support each other in two important ways: (1) By alternating classroom set up in the morning to prepare for the beginning of the day; and (2) by alternating classroom cleaning and preparing for departure at the end of the day.

Be sure to check the white board located in the ECEC lobby each day: It will tell parents which classroom to drop off your child in the AM and which classroom to pick up your child in the PM. We know these changes can be confusing, so ask staff for assistance, if needed. We appreciate your support as we make these changes.

Sincerely,

**ECEC Administration** 

