



March 2, 2023

Dear Early Childhood Education Center Families,

The Salt River Schools Education Board and ECEC Policy Council recently approved the closure of our campus May 8-12 to allow all ECEC staff to attend the National Head Start Conference in Phoenix and professional development at the ECEC. This means our building will be closed to students and families during this time. All ECEC families are asked to sign off that they are aware of the closure; you may do this on-site at the ECEC or sign and return the section below to the front desk or teacher. Additionally, families will be responsible for finding alternative care May 8-12.

This is a unique opportunity our staff are very excited about. We'll be able to gather with other Head Start programs and refresh our commitment to Head Start's vital mission. We'll be able to discuss the latest developments, innovations, and obstacles in early childhood learning and teaching. Taking this opportunity to step away from our day-to-day work helps us look at the big picture and help drive our Head Start program to even greater heights.

We have funding for parents/guardians to attend the conference alongside ECEC staff; let your teacher or Family Advocate know if you are interested in attending the conference. The ECEC will also provide educational materials for children and families during the closure week.

The National Head Start Association sponsors the conference. You can learn more about it here: <https://nhsa.org/conference/national-head-start-conference/>. NHSA is committed to the belief that every child, regardless of circumstances at birth, has the ability to succeed in life. Since 1974, NHSA has worked for policy changes that ensure all income-eligible children have access to the Head Start model.

Sincerely,

Tami Brungard
ECE Leader

Tear off and return this portion signed to the ECEC front office. You may also email it to Carmen.Briones@saltriverschools.org.

I, _____ (Printed Parent/Guardian First and Last Name), have been informed and understand that the Early Childhood Education Center will be closed May 8-12. I also understand that it is my responsibility to find alternative child care during this time.

Child's Name: _____

Classroom: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date