



Education Division

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Shé:kon/Greetings:

I hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits. We have all been dealing with extraordinary situations that test us in every way possible. It is my hope you were able to persevere and take care of yourself and your family. If you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Tribe's Family Advocate at 518-358-3021. The uncertainty has been challenging, but we must stay positive for the youth and little ones looking to us as we all navigate the new normal.

At this time, I wanted to provide an update on our Educational services for the upcoming school year.

Early Learning Center

For **Child Care Services**, we continue to monitor the pandemic and our communities' response to COVID-19. We anticipate opening in early February 2021, knowing that this endeavor will look and feel very different than it has in the past. Of course, there will be more information to come, as we further develop and update our re-opening plans for our families. Please keep in mind that if you do have childcare needs, we are encouraging the use of Relative Care Providers. It is our hope that care can be found with a parent, grandparent, Aunt, cousin, sibling or good family friend that you trust. Please reach out to our Child Care Coordinator or Child Care Supervisor at 518-358-2988 for questions or assistance.

For our families that signed up for **Head Start**, we have made the decision to continue remote learning for the remainder of the school year, until June 2021. This was a decision that was given substantial consideration. Ensuring the safety of our children, families and staff is of utmost importance. Learning materials will continue to be provided for our children and supplies will be sent home on a regular schedule.

Food will continue to be provided. As always, the menu will be available on the SRMT Facebook page. Pick up will be on Monday/Wednesday/Friday between the hours of 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Please remember that for Tuesday/Thursday, a frozen meal will be sent home for these days on Monday and Wednesday.

Youth Services

Our Education Specialists are available to provide academic support remotely to our students in grades 6 – 12. Using various online platforms, support will be available to students that fit their learning needs throughout the day. In a critical time, support for our young people is especially important. If you would like to sign your child up for services, please call 518-358-9721 and speak with our Intake Coordinator.

Higher Education Services

All documents needed for new or returning students are found on our website at srmt-nsn.gov, by going to Programs and then Education. With new and enhanced features, you are now able to submit an application and supporting documents online. If you should have any questions or need assistance, please reach out to our Higher Education Program Manager at 518-358-9721 or send us an email at education@srmt-nsn.gov.

Employment and Training Services

If you are a community member that is seeking Employment and Training Services, we have help available for you. At a time when so many people are laid off from work or seeking employment, please feel free to reach out to our Education and Employment Manager at 518-358-9721 to learn about options and assistance that is available.

In conclusion, Niawen:kówa for your patience and understanding as we work towards providing services that best serve our children, families and community in the safest way possible.

Please call 518-358-9721 you have any questions regarding this correspondence.