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To the Families and Staff Members of the Old Lyme Children's Learning Center:

We wanted to take the time to reach out to all of you and to thank you for your incredible support these last few weeks. Closing our Center certainly wasn't an easy decision and one the Board of Directors did not make lightly. We, however, have been in constant contact through emails, weekly Zoom meetings, and phone calls with each other in order to fight to keep our Center above water and to continue with our mission and our commitment to our staff and our families. We truly appreciate your patience as we continue to work through these difficult, unprecedented times.

The Board of Directors would like to publicly acknowledge the hard work of our Director, Alison Zanardi, 17 years at OLCLC, and our Assistant Director, Pat Przybysz, 20 years at OLCLC. Together they have continued to work behind-the-scenes with our Board of Directors and their staff to find ways to financially support the Center during this extended closing. Together they expedited some great plans to support our non-profit, including the creation of the GoFundMe page which to date has raised over \$6,000 and continues to garner support from current and former patrons. Alison and Pat also worked hard to expedite an application for the Center to qualify for the Payroll Protection Program, which I am thrilled to announce we have just recently been approved for! This program will allow us to continue to pay our full time staff during this difficult time. Additionally, Alison and Pat have never stopped, and have been working from home and on site to make sure our Center is thoroughly cleaned by professionals and as you read this, they are getting registration up and running for the 2020-2021 school year. They are also meeting regularly with our full time staff to begin to plan for our transition back to reopening. We know that all of your children will be in great hands when that day finally arrives. Please keep in mind there will be several policy and procedure changes to allow us to maintain the health and safety of all our families, staff, and students. We will need everyone's full cooperation with these procedural changes when that day arrives.

Thanks again for your patience as we navigate these unprecedented waters. The families of the OLCLC have always been a strong, supportive community. I say that from my own experience having three children go through all of its programs. We are blessed to have such amazing directors and staff and extremely fortunate to have such supportive families. We hope you are all safe and healthy and we will continue to update you with our anticipated reopening date shortly.

Sincerely and on behalf of all the OLCLC Board of Directors,

Kristen St. Germain, President

