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Dear SEEDS Students, Families, & School Communities,

We are at the end of summer programming. Over recent months, we are grateful to have served over **350 of your children and youth** in fun and meaningful ways! We hope that the SEEDS Activity Boxes helped you have some fun with your kids and inspired healthy engagement and learning. Our goal was to maximize activities that are out-of-doors, self-directed, and screen-free.

Thank you for the photos and comments you shared! Your feedback matters to us. We are pursuing innovative ways to connect and to support student learning. We loved delivering activity boxes door to door, leading small group activities at meal pick ups, and meeting up at local lakes and rivers for family-friendly water quality experiments!

**Thank you for entrusting your child to our care.** Our priority is providing safe spaces for learning. In response to COVID19, we are implementing and monitoring recommended safety guidelines and protocols issued by authorities including the CDC, DHHS, and MiOSHA. We will continue to revise our practices and procedures as the context, recommendations, and rules change. As we prepare for fall After School programming, please note key protocols that affect you:

1. Each school site will communicate to you a specific pick-up and drop-off plan that minimizes the number of adults that enter the building.
2. If your child or anyone residing in the same household are experiencing symptoms of COVID19 or have been diagnosed with COVID19, do not attend after school programming. Follow CDC quarantine measures before the child returns.
3. Daily temperature checks will be performed before children are signed into programming. A child with a fever of over 100.3°F will not be allowed to enter after school programming and the parent/guardian will be called to pick up the child from school.
4. Effective facial coverings and high air quality standards will be encouraged at all times.
5. We will be outside as much as possible. Please help your kids dress for the weather!

In addition to reinforcing regular health and safety practices with students (including washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds!) SEEDS staff will also be responsibly:

- Limiting in-person activities to group sizes of ten or fewer students, plus staff.
- Spreading activities out, in multiple areas, and getting outside as much as possible.
- Staff and adults will wear facial coverings indoors and anywhere 6-foot distancing cannot be maintained.
- Ensuring everyone has facial coverings and encouraging high air quality standards.
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces multiple times/day.
- Giving each student their own box of supplies; students will not be sharing materials.

Offering safe, enriching, learning experiences for your child is our priority. See you again soon!

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