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CCS CHILDCARE UPDATE COVID – 19

Let me begin by saying how much we miss all of our 815 students. We are concerned for our students' health and well-being, as well as their families. Although none of us has experienced a pandemic before, the Cooperstown family of students, parents, educators, and community leaders, and all other stakeholders have quickly risen to the occasion, as usual! We would like to thank everyone for your kindness and support, especially our health professionals, truck drivers, grocery store employees, first responders and all other essential operations personnel.

The New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) provides a range of resources to help parents with their child care needs. Please use the link below to keep up to date on childcare needs.

<https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/#cc-news>

Catholic Charities of Delaware, Otsego and Schoharie Counties remains open. They are committed to meeting the needs of our local communities during this difficult time. Due to Covid-19, they will be working with local daycare facilities for placement of students of essential workers. At this time, Catholic Charities will only be taking phone calls and referrals online.

I encourage you to use this resource if you are in need of childcare assistance and you are a "First Responder" or Essential Healthcare Provider. You may contact:

- Vicki Fatum: (607) 432-0061 or Visit <http://www.charitiesccdcs.org/index.html>
- David Bertram: (607) 547-2401 or dbertram@cooperstowncs.org

Please call me if you need further help, including financial assistance. We are navigating the associated issues together, and CCS is committed as a resource for child care, meal provisions, and continued instruction during this crisis. I can be reached through either email or phone at the above contacts.

Thank you,
David Bertram
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