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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Tribal Government Employees

FROM: Tribal Chief Cyrus Ben

DATE: March 15, 2020

RE: Emergency Closure of Choctaw Tribal Schools, Early Childhood Centers, Boys & Girls Club and Elderly Activity Center

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I am writing to announce the emergency closure for all Choctaw Tribal Schools through the week of March 16-20, 2020. All school-related meetings, campus events, practices, and extracurricular activities are suspended for the week of March 16-20. This closure is for precautionary and preventative measures and by the recommendation of the Centers for Disease Control and Mississippi Department of Health in light of the COVID-19 emergency actions being taken locally, State-wide and nationally in an effort to avoid further social transmission of the illness.

In addition, all Choctaw Early Childhood Education centers, including Early Head Start, Head Start, Day Care centers and Elderly Activity center will be closed the week of March 16-20, 2020. These emergency closures at all Choctaw Tribal Schools, Early Childhood Education centers and Boys and Girls Club apply to students only. Teachers, Administrators, and staff will report to work as scheduled on Monday, March 16, 2020.

These closures are to assist with social distancing during this period, and I encourage all students to stay at home and not unnecessarily attend events or gatherings as this has been determined to be effective means to control transmission of disease such as COVID-19.

Thank you.

Tribal Chief Cyrus Ben

C: Richard Sockey, Committee System Coordinator
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