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Dear Valued Stepping Stone School Families:

I am excited to let you know about a new large national study out of **Yale University** demonstrating child care centers are some of the safest places in our communities for children and employees.

The results were published by the **American Academy of Pediatrics** and are the clearest evidence yet **that child care centers do not cause the spread of COVID-19**, even in communities where overall infections are high. [\[Link\]](#)

Since March, Stepping Stone School has been there for our families! We have taken all necessary precautions, going above and beyond to keep our children and employees safe and healthy. We have provided our families with the peace of mind they need knowing their children are in loving and happy environments, where their learning continues uninterrupted.

The positive outcomes as children return to our schools is indeed incredible! We see that children learn best in environments that are both social and cognitive. Children in early childhood settings are interacting **SAFELY** with each other. Their development is enhanced because they grow and thrive with each other and through their caring, kind, and thoughtful teachers and administrators. The children are **THRILLED** to return to their teachers, their friends, and their amazing schools and playgrounds! Further studies have shown that kindness and learning is enhanced when children are interacting with each other and with their teachers.

We continue to successfully provide **Virtual Learning Pods** for school age children who log onto their on-line lessons, complete their work and homework, and participate in our own innovative and enhanced school age programming.

With the start of the holiday season, Stepping Stone School has continued our traditional celebrations to provide consistency and joy for our children. Our advanced and thoughtful curriculum is focusing on giving thanks, gratitude, kindness, and compassion now and always.

Please be assured that Stepping Stone School will continue to do all we can to ensure the safety, security and health of the children in our care.

Stepping Stone School is uniquely qualified with over 40 years of experience and degreed faculty to continue the loving care and education of your children through this unprecedented time in our lives.

Sincerely,



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