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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** All Tribal Government Employees

**FROM:** Tribal Chief Cyrus Ben

**DATE:** March 20, 2020

**RE:** **UPDATE: Closure of Choctaw Tribal Schools, Early Childhood Centers and Boys and Girls Club and Choctaw Elderly Center Until Further Notice**

Pursuant to the Executive Order and State of Emergency Proclamation, I am writing to announce the continued closure of all Choctaw Tribal Schools until further notice. All school-related meetings, campus events, practices, and extracurricular activities are suspended as well. Additionally, all school campuses are closed for any non-school related events. The closure is for the safety and precautionary measure amid the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) 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, and Day Care centers will be closed until further notice. I urge all students, staff and parents to stay home and follow the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control including washing your hands and practicing social distancing.

Once it is deemed safe to return to a normal work schedule, notification will be provided.

Thank you.

  
Tribal Chief Cyrus Ben

C: Richard Sockey, Committee System Coordinator  
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