

Dear Head Start parents and caregivers, staff, and partners,

This year, Head Start celebrates its 60th birthday. Each day for nearly 60 years, Head Start has opened its doors to children, their families, and our exceptional educators and staff. Through Covid and other challenging times, Head Start has made sure that all children and families receive the support and services they need above all else. This challenge is no different.

As you may have seen, on Friday, USA Today reported that President Trump's anticipated budget proposal will propose the elimination of Head Start. There are a few very important things to know about this:

1. This is the beginning of a long budget process. This is only a proposal. For this to become law and make actual changes to funding in our Head Start program, it must go through Congress. Congress moves slowly. Now is the time we can be in touch with our members of Congress to make sure they prioritize Head Start funding in the budget process.
2. So far, no one has seen the proposal itself. It may have been released early to see what the Head Start community's response would be if they proposed elimination. That means that we need to show the Administration that they cannot include the elimination of Head Start in any proposal that will be released.
3. Head Start has incredible relationships with members of Congress across both parties. Head Start still enjoys widespread bipartisan support! We have Head Start champions across both parties around the country that support the great work of Head Start.

If you are able and would like to be in touch with your members of Congress on your own time to share your Head Start experience and make sure they protect Head Start for all of the children, families, and staff in our program, you can [use this link](#). Thank you for your partnership!

Sincerely,