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Families Forward Learning Center Honors Pre-K Graduates
In Drive-Thru Ceremony

PASADENA, Calif.—July 7, 2020—Teachers and staff cheered as four- and five-year-old pre-K graduates were driven by their parents through the parking lot, right across the street from Families Forward Learning Center on Friday, June 18.

Teachers lined both sides of the parking lot with their cars, all adorned with congratulatory messages, and cheered and waved as parents slowly drove the excited little grads through the procession. Each received a diploma and a new backpack full of everything they will need in the fall when they head off to kindergarten.

The event was unlike any in Families Forward's history, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which shut down schools across the state in mid-March. That made wanting to make the kids' very first graduation extra special and a day to remember.

"I'm so proud of our 28 graduates and their teachers, who have only seen each other via Zoom since the stay-at-home order," said Elva Sandoval, Families Forward executive director.

Families Forward Learning Center, located at 980 N. Fair Oaks Avenue in Pasadena, provides free education and social services to low-income families in Pasadena and Altadena with children from birth to five years old.

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