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Dear King County Councilmember Rod Dembowski, Shoreline City Councilmembers and Lake Forest Park Councilmembers attending the 2/8/16 Shoreline City Council Special Meeting:

As King County moves forward in implementing its Best Starts for Kids levy, we encourage you to consider the collaboration between three Shoreline Community College Cooperative Preschools and Wonderland Developmental Center, who have worked closely and under the same roof for many years. We are self-supporting, thriving non-profit organizations whose work positively impacts hundreds of families of young children every year. We encourage you to consider how our groups can continue our work and begin new collaborations with King County, the cities of Lake Forest Park and Shoreline as well as the Shoreline School District and Shoreline Community College.

Our need is simply a new home. Our programs are in place and ready to serve the growing population and needs of our community. Our extremely affordable rent from the Shoreline School District will come to an end this summer when our groups must move from the North City Learning Center. We dream of establishing an Early Childhood Center in Shoreline or LFP. We are open to any suggestions, right now we are looking at existing buildings such as (Fircrest or Wa. State DOT building) or building a new center on land (perhaps in collaboration with Shoreline Schools) as possible options. We believe strongly that this Early Childhood Center will support many families in our North King County cities for generations to come.

We are ready to propose our ideas, collaborate and move forward with our efforts. We look forward to discussing the expected timeline and the implementation plan with one of the BSK team later in the week and continuing the process of working together with all of you. If the Best Starts Levy is not the answer, then how will we keep these well established programs, everyone seems to want, in our area? Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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