



Dear Kimberly and Audrey –

Thank you for meeting with me to discuss next the steps to make changes to Gatepath's contract with the City of Mountain View. At our meeting, it was clear that you will not be taking this item to the council until September. The different scenarios I reviewed with you at our meeting were put together with the assumption that we could come to a conclusion about what our partnership to fund low income spots would look like in June. Given the change in your timing and with the start of our school year being August 29<sup>th</sup>, we will have to proceed with enrolling children in the open spots we have, whether we get the additional spots from licensing for 10 children or not.

Learning Links vision is to create an accessible learning environment where children of all abilities, socio-economic and cultural backgrounds can learn, explore and discover together, without judgment. Ultimately building acceptance and awareness among students, their families and the Mountain View community at large. The school enrolls families from a broad range of cultures and has served low income families from the beginning of our contract with the City of Mountain View. Our planned implementation of inclusion in the fall of 2016 moves us further towards reaching our vision for the school.

We address the questions your team had about subsidy children, NAEYC accreditation and In-Service days below.

#### Subsidy Children

We will implement the tiered subsidy tuition plan for preschool spots (2-5 year olds). This will give us the opportunity to market the 40-80% tuition slots over the summer and see what response we receive from the community. We are already committed to 5 children at the lowest scholarship level. If one of those children leaves the school, we will not enroll another child at that level. Gatepath will enroll up to 8 children in this plan with the following proposed mix:

Tuition Level	Number of Slots	Children enrolled as of 6/1/16
\$300/month – full subsidy	4	5
40% Tuition	2	0
60-80% Tuition	2	0

If the City of Mountain View commits \$100,000 to help subsidize Learning Links Preschool in the fall of 2016, we would propose enrolling up to the following:

Tuition Level	Number of Slots
\$300/month – full subsidy	5
40% Tuition	5
60-80% Tuition	5

If the preschool is full at the time a commitment is made by the City, all preschool spots that become open during the school year will be filled from the waitlist of families requesting a subsidy.

Learning Links On-Going Funding for Low Income Spots

You asked us to give you a bottom line figure on Gatepath’s on-going funding for low-income spots. We are committed to working in partnership with the City of Mountain View to meet the need of low-income families together. We are unable to provide a bottom line figure on our agency’s commitment to on-going funding of low income spots until we understand more about how our partnership in this area will be structured and the potential level of support from the City of Mt. View.

NAEYC Accreditation

As we discussed, we have determined that serving low income children through a state funded preschool program does not work with the current configuration of the school and the state’s requirements families must meet for full time care. We will move forward with our NAEYC accreditation and will hold to the dates in our contract.

In-Service Days

We still seek 2 additional in-service days for our Learning Links Mountain View School. We believe it will increase the quality of the early education environment in the school. Our school in Burlingame has 5 in-service days, where we are able to improve the classroom environment for the children as well as provide additional training for the teachers.

In conclusion, below are our updated requests for contract changes based on our on-going conversations:

**Gatepath/LL is requesting the following contract amendments:**

- Assuming Gatepath/Learning Links receives assistance from the City of Mountain View to subsidize low income children. Change the low income requirement from 30% to 16% low income funded preschool children ages 2-5 years old for a total of 15 children. Subsidies will be provided on a tiered basis, with 5 children’s families receiving full subsidies and paying \$300/month, a maximum of 5 families paying 40% of tuition and up to 10 families paying 60-80% of tuition.

- The addition of two additional In Service days, for a total of four, to the school calendar to allow additional training for teaching staff to improve the quality of the early childhood environment the school offers which will benefit all of the children enrolled.

Thank you for your continued partnership in serving the young children enrolled at the Childcare Center of Mountain View.

Sincerely,

Tracey Fecher  
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