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Memorandum

To: Mayor & Council
From: David Reynolds
Re: Agenda Item: Presentation – Confluence Early Childhood Education (CECE)
Date: 08/5/2025

Purpose:

The purpose of this agenda item is to allow time for CECE Coalition Director Maggie Tiscornia to present information about the coalition's region wide effort to create a Service District that would stretch from Parachute to Aspen.

CECE is a local coalition "working to make early childhood care and education more accessible for local families." CECE is "proposing a region-wide investment, Parachute to Aspen, to make childcare more affordable and easier to find."

"Voters will be asked to approve an Early Childhood Service District to support:

- Tuition credits for families that reduce the cost of early care and education for their children, before they enter kindergarten
- Provider grants that help create and grow more childcare businesses and that recruit and retain more early childhood teachers

The Service District would be funded with a 0.25% sales tax increase – 25 pennies on a \$100 purchase – that would generate about \$10 million per year. Essential everyday items would be exempt from the tax, including groceries, medicine, diapers and feminine hygiene products."

Additional details can be found at:

<https://cececoalition.org/our-plan/>