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Nome Common Council
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Subject: Support for Nome Preschool Association in the FY26 Budget

Dear Mayor Handeland and Members of the Nome Common Council,
As a parent of a child enrolled at Nome Preschool, I am writing to express my strong support for the continued and increased funding of the Nome Preschool Association in the City's FY26 budget.

Nome Preschool has made a positive impact in our family's life.

My child has blossomed and developed a sense of independence, built relationships with others outside of our home, and developed early academic and social skills that will support their success in kindergarten and beyond.

The preschool is more than just a school, it's an essential service for families like mine. Without affordable early childhood education, many of us would struggle to stay employed or meet our families' needs. Nome Preschool fills a gap in our community

where licensed childcare is limited, and its caring staff provide a safe, nurturing, and educational environment for our kids.

I understand that the City is facing budget constraints, but I urge you not to balance the budget by removing support for the youngest members of our community. The current City contribution helps cover staff wages and keep tuition affordable for families. Without it, the future of the preschool, and the families who rely on it is at risk.

Please continue to support Nome Preschool in FY26. This investment in early education is an investment in Nome's future.

Thank you for your leadership and your support for local families.

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