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To the City of Nome:

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CITY OF NOME CLERKS DEPARTMENT

I am writing to express my strong support for Nome Preschool and urge the continued funding of this vital early childhood education program.

Nome Preschool plays a critical role in the development of our youngest community members. Teachers at Nome Preschool are more than educators – they are sculptors of our community's future. They help mold the future generation.

I have been lucky enough to see two of my children through Nome Preschool, I also have a current student there, and I plan to place my youngest in their program once he is of age to attend.

Eliminating/reducing funding would have devastating consequences. Families would lose access to affordable early education, children would miss critical learning opportunities, and the long-term educational and economic outcomes for our community would suffer. Supporting Nome Preschool is an investment in our children, our families, and the future of Nome itself. Not to mention, Kawerak would not be able to accommodate all 3–4-year-old children in their program, excluding those with a need to early education.

Please consider the tremendous impact Nome Preschool has on our community and ensure that it continues to receive the funding it needs to thrive.

Sincerely,

Hilary Stiles

Parent of past, present and future students of Nome Preschool.