

## Debra Thompson

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**To:** Assembly  
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**Subject:** Early Childhood Education Task Force

Good morning Debbie and Assembly Members,

If the airport logistics work out I will call in. The below are some brief thoughts in support of Resolution 2022-06 I would like to share:

Comments on an item related to the agenda: Resolution 2022-06 the early childhood education task force.

The issues related to early childhood (0-12) education are not new; however, The SHARE Coalition early childhood working group has recognized that forward movement needs to include additional resources within the community if we are to affect change. The primary purpose of the task force is to identify and tackle issues on behalf of community youth. I would hazard to say that continuing to wait for a national or state fix will leave us in the same position for the unforeseeable future. The community task force would develop a strategic plan that identifies short- and long-term goals, information needs, resource needs, and pilot programs. Some of the task force outcomes would likely serve the early childhood educators and administrators directly or pinpoint available resources; other outcomes would be brought forward to the Borough Assembly for action. This objective of this work, 100%, is to strengthen Petersburg's early childhood education system on behalf of our kiddos. What we are able to do has an effect on families, on the Petersburg City School District, and not least on Petersburg economics and attractiveness as a home for families.

(Viking Swim Club ,3<sup>rd</sup>place finish at the 2022 Southeast Champs swim meet).

Thanks kindly, joni