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Dear Councilmember Noecker,

I'm so excited to see the early learning resolution the Saint Paul City Council is preparing! The city has an exciting opportunity to support early childcare and education for our children and lead the way for our great state. Like a number of cities across the country, Saint Paul cannot wait for the federal and state government to support the early learning that our youngest residents so desperately need.

Research has consistently shown that early childhood learning and care is one of the best investments a community can make in the overall health, well-being, and future success of children and their families. Studies show that 90% of brain development occurs before the age of 5, making early childhood learning a critical investment that is overdue. It also has a two-generation effect on the workforce, by allowing parents – particularly women -- to enter the workforce and increase their earnings, while their children gain the skills to make them more productive in the future, leading to overall family stability.

I encourage the Saint Paul City Council to lead the way by enacting the resolution as soon as possible and encourage you and your colleagues on the Council to vote yes for Saint Paul's kids!

Thank you for your time and for all that you do for our great city!

Best Regards,

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