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Good evening Councilmember Yang,

I wanted to extend my gratitude and excitement upon seeing the early learning resolution on the agenda for tomorrow's meeting. Thank you for genuinely hearing so many of your constituents and fellow residents of St. Paul who wish for a local solution to child care and early learning in our community.

As the council prepares for the meeting tomorrow, I will be visiting my students aged birth-3 years in ward 6, where conversations around early learning opportunities will be at the forefront of parents' minds. As I support long time East Side families, as well as immigrant families who have moved to St. Paul in search of a bright future for their children, I look forward to the opportunity one day to share with families that our community leaders saw the need--including disparities between families with and without documentation--and decided that we would provide a local solution to the issue.

Thank you for taking a position of leadership on this issue and I hope that you and your fellow councilmembers vote yes tomorrow!

Warmly,

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