

February 28, 2019

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Marin
3501 Civic Center Drive. Room 329
San Rafael, CA 94903

RE: 2018-2019 Early Learning and Care Needs Assessment

Dear County Supervisors:

We are pleased to bring for your consideration the enclosed *2018-2019 Early Learning and Care Needs Assessment*, which was unanimously approved by the Marin County Child Care Commission at the General Meeting held on November 14th, 2018.

The Commission acts as the state-mandated *Local Child Care and Development Planning Council* (LPC), planning for child care and development services based on the needs of families in the local community. As the Marin County LPC, one of the Commission's responsibilities is to assess child care needs in the county no less than once every five years.

The countywide needs assessment guides the preparation of a local comprehensive countywide 5-year child care master plan, which is designed to mobilize public and private resources to address identified needs. This 2018-2019 Needs Assessment provides key information for the design of the 2020-2025 Marin County Master Plan.

This needs assessment report presents a snapshot of various aspects of the state of child care and early education in Marin County based primarily on quantitative data pursuant to Education Code Section 8499.5 (b)(1) and (2). According to Education Code Section 8499.5 (b) (9), the Commission shall submit the results of the needs assessment to the board of supervisors and the county superintendent of schools for approval before submitting them to the California Department of Education.

We are looking forward to answer any questions you may have about this report.

Respectfully submitted,



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