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**From:** Penelope Jacks <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 9, 2021 5:47 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** preschool

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Dear members of the Pima County Board of Supervisors,

As a long time child advocate, I applaud the proposal to include \$10m for preschool for Pima County children in the budget for the coming year. This is a good start and represents what must be only the first step in providing the high quality early childhood education every child in our community deserves, and that our community needs to thrive, thank you for your commitment to children. Please share with Mr. Huckleberry,

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Penelope Jacks, J.D.

Perhaps we cannot prevent this from being a world in which children suffer, but we can lessen the number of suffering children. Albert Camus

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**From:** Terry Connolly <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 9, 2021 6:18 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** High quality early childhood education

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To the members of Pima County Board of Supervisors

As a retired business professor at the University of Arizona, I strongly endorse significant County investment in scholarships for high-quality, multi-year early childhood education. The benefits of such programs are well-established and large scale: economic gains to the children involved, to their families, and to the community at large, reduced rates of school drop-out, crime and drug use, and lower unemployment.

I hope you will give this program your fullest consideration and support,

Sincerely,

Dr. Terry Connolly  
Emeritus Professor, The Eller College  
University of Arizona.

Please copy this letter to County Manager Huckleberry

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 9, 2021 6:41 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Early Childhood Education

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Dear Supervisors,

I write in enthusiastic support of providing funding for children to attend high quality preschools throughout Pima County. As a business owner, Pima College Faculty Member, parent and community advocate I can think of few things as important as ensuring our children get the best possible start and enter kindergarten ready to succeed. I know attending high quality preschool does this for children and that children from low income families show the biggest benefit from high quality preschool.

I have voted, and will continue to vote, for candidates that support efforts to increase the percentage of children attending high quality preschool programs. A vote for this proposal tells me that each of you understand how important this funding is to our community today and in the future.

Thank you,

Bill Berk  
5500 N Paseo Ventoso  
Tucson, AZ 85750  
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**From:** Juan Mariscal <juan@theappletreelc.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 9, 2021 9:10 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Cc:** The Apple Tree Learning Center  
**Subject:** Support for District One Pima County Supervisor Rex Scott's measure

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Dear Pima County Clerks Office,

The purpose of this email is show our support for District One Pima County Supervisor Rex Scott's measure to include \$10 million in the Pima County budget for fiscal year 2021 and 2022 to fund scholarships for parents who want to enroll their three or four year old children in high quality early childhood programs.

My wife and I own The Apple Tree Learning Centers and have been operating the center for 7 years now. I can't agree more with how important it is for preschool age children to be enrolled in an early education setting. "From birth to age 5, a child's brain develops more than at any other time in life".

Not only will this measure help families enroll their children in a program that will prepare them for kindergarten and help set the educational foundation for these children but it will also help us keep our center open for future children to have access to early education. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, we have been struggling to keep our doors open and keep our staff employed. We went from providing early childhood education service to 126 children to 15. We currently have 39 enrolled and if we don't increase our enrollment soon, it will only be a matter of time before we have to close the center.

I sincerely thank you for your efforts in providing early childhood education to our most precious asset, the future of our country, our beautiful children.

Thank you,

Juan Mariscal  
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**From:** Mary Peterson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 9, 2021 10:02 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** The Preschool Promise

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To Pima County *Board of Supervisors*,

I'm writing to express my support of The Preschool Promise. I urge the Pima County Board of Supervisors appropriate \$10m in the coming fiscal year for support of high-quality early childhood education in the form of scholarships to 3 and 4 -year-old children.

Virtually everybody agrees on the value of high-quality early education as a preparation for success in kindergarten. High-quality early childhood experiences mean that a child is more likely to succeed in school and in life. And that means not only better lives for these future adults, but significant savings for taxpayers.

The Preschool Promise. is an investment in the future of Pima County.

Please add County Manager Chuck Huckleberry in the distribution list for this email.

Sincerely,  
Mary Peterson  
2721 E 3rd Street  
Tucson, AZ 85716

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**From:** Christine <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 10, 2021 7:39 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Please help

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Hello,

I have worked in the field of early childhood for over 30 years. While the cost for quality care continues to rise, the funding does not typically match the need. I support significant multi-year investment by Pima County in scholarships for high quality early childhood education.

High-quality early childhood experiences mean that a child is more likely to succeed in school and in life. And that means not only better lives for these future adults, but significant savings for taxpayers. The short-term economic multiplier effect of local expenditure on high quality childcare is between 100% and 200%. The long-term return on investment has been projected to be between \$13 and \$17 for every dollar spent.

Financial support to send their children to high quality early education is crucial to parents' ability to work. Without support, some families will be forced to place their young children in low-quality, perhaps even dangerous, care settings. This is significant as history will repeat itself. In the 1980's we had "latch key" kids who were home alone. This put children at significant risk. Please help prevent this! Without access to high-quality safe childcare options some workers, mainly women, will be forced to remain out of the work force altogether.

A huge proportion of all childcare is provided by small local business owners, many of whom are minorities and women, in centers and in individually licensed homes. Businesses are keenly aware of this need and they support childcare for their employees. In the current public health and economic crisis, providing access to affordable high-quality early education is a crucial step in our economic recovery.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the kids and families of Pima County. Share this letter with your friends, and other networks, and urge them to sign on and make their voices heard for high quality preschool too.

With much appreciation,  
Christine Vega

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**From:** Ann Harris <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 10, 2021 8:51 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Support for Proposal by Supervisor Rex Scott

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I would like to state my support for the proposal Pima County Supervisor Rex Scott will bring forward at the Feb 16th meeting.

We need to prepare our children better for kindergarten and life by providing them with high-quality early childhood education. To not invest in our future by investing in our children would be a travesty and we can do something about it. Spending money and investing in them now makes sense for so many reasons.

Thank you for your consideration and I hope you can support our children in this way.

I am thankful for Supervisor Scott's leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,  
Ann Harris  
Pima County Resident

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