

## The Preschool Promise

To: Pima County Board of Supervisors

February 12, 2021

I support The Preschool Promise and urge the Pima County Board of Supervisors to 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. A minimum 3-year funding commitment is requested in order to show the quality early learning community that investment in system restoration and expansion will be met by on-going support.

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.

Before the pandemic, fewer than 20% of the children in our community attended high quality preschool. High quality early education costs approximately \$10,000 per child per year and cost is the primary barrier.

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. Without access to high-quality safe childcare options some workers, mainly women, will be forced to remain out of the work force altogether. Children will lose the educational and life benefits of early education, families will suffer, and many childcare businesses will be closed permanently. If families cannot afford this high-quality childcare, there will be no recovery.

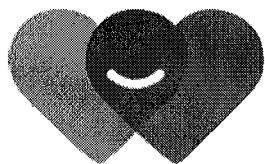
Please make this investment in our children, our families, our businesses, our community, and the future we share.

Signed-on by:

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Erin Aguilar	85713	
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Yovana Apodaca	85747	
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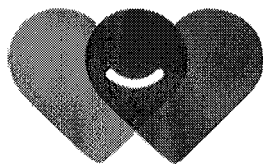
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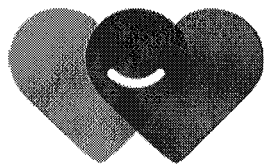
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Amelia Baum	85716	Wings On Words, SAZAEYC, Tucson Early Childhood Coalition
Bill Berk	85750	
Kathleen Bethel	85716	
Marlene Bluestein	85718	
Jenette Borrego	85756	
Monica Brinkerhoff	85745	Community member
Mary-Ellen Brown	85719	Arizona State University School of Social Work
Tiffany Bucciarelli-Fay	85742	La Petite Academy-Thornsdale
Alex Butler	85716	
Arcadia Caamano	85705	
Jessica Caramella	85705	
Mandy Carlsen	85745	Pediatric Occupational Therapist and Co-Owner of Mealtime Connections, LLC a pediatric therapy practice in Tucson, AZ.
Mary Jane Cera	85704	Kino School
Brieanna Chillious	85745	Pima County Public Library
Robert Clark	85719	
Renée Clift	85718	
Richard Clift	85718	
Dominique Coccio	85742	
mMlvin Cohen	85719	Southern Arizona Leadership Council
Diane Colman-Fields	85718	
Terry Connolly	85719	
Denice Contreras	85710	
Cheryl Cook	85705	
Justina Corral	85715	
Lori Cotten	85705	
Cyndie Coulter	85641	
Jenny Cox	85743	Child & Family Resources
Buck Crouch	85706	Community Member
Michelle Crow	85716	So AZ Director Children's Action Alliance
diana cruz	85711	
Debbie Curley	85716	
McKenzie DeCoite	85743	
Andrea Dekker	85756	
Jennifer Delaney	85748	
Andrew DiCenso	85719	Social Worker, Graduate Student
Jennifer Dooley	85750	
Jenny Douglas	85716	
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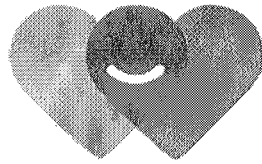
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Becky Duncan	85719	Southern Arizona Grandparent Ambassador
Louise Durant	85742	teacher and parent
Alicia Durbin	85710	
Annabel Eldridge	85755	Amphitheater Public Schools, (I serve as a preschool coordinator assistant)
Angela Enriquez	85712	
Consepcion Escojido	86712	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.
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Connie Espinoza	85706	
Maria Espinoza	85706	
Maria Estala	85653	
Colleen Fabel	85750	St. Alban's Preschool
Diane Fellows	85712	
Danielle Flink	85711	
Magaly Flores	85719	
Teresa Giles	85338	
Brenda Goldsmith	85742	
Paul Gordon	85718	
Peggy Goulding	85718	
Leticia Granados	85745	Flowing Wells Unified School District
Kelly Griffith	85704	Center for Economic Integrity
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Sonia Guevara	85629	
Brianna Guzman	85741	
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Marguerite Harmon	85705	Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona
Ann Harris	85718	
Nancy Hartman	85755	Valley View Early Learning Center CFSD
Jane Heaton	85712	Tucson citizen
Amanda Heffernan	85711	El Rio Community Health Center
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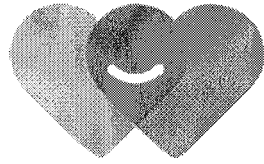
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Marilyn Heins	85718	Retired pediatrician and newspaper columnist. Vice Dear at University of Arizona College of Medicine, newspaper columnist. of Arizona El Rio Health Center
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David Higuera	85701	
Angela Hixon	85748	
Joanna Honea	85719	Satori School
RENEE HORTON	85722	
Andrea Hudson	85730	
Christine Huley	85715	Child and Family Resources
Katelyn Hunter	85283	
Penelope Jacks	85719	The Preschool Promise
Olivia Jackson	85711	
Jaymie Jacobs	85742	
Laurel Jacobs	85712	Resident
Mayra Jaime	85706	Gracias por apoyo que bien que se necesita 🙏
Rosana Jimenez	85746	
Krystal Johnson	85743	Preschool Director
Rebekah Johnson	85719	
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Amber Jones	85653	Parent and small business owner
Laura Kennicutt	85710	
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James Kievit	85730	
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LeAnna King	85718	
Samara Klar	85711	University of Arizona
Carla Koenig	85719	Northminster Christian School
Travis Kolter	85718	CFSD #16/Valley View Early Learning Center
Linda Kovacs	85705	Preschool Owner
Jordan Krause	85711	
Celina LaForge	85641	University of Arizona, Vail School District
Linda Laird	85614	Books for Classrooms
Amber landroche	85705	
Kelly Ann Larkin	85737	
Kathleen Lavoie	85711	
Cheryl Lazaroff	85712	retired early childhood educator
Diane Leek	85705	Flowing Wells USD-EMELC
Jackie Leon-Vasquez	85641	
Liz Levine	85716	
Lisa Lindsay	85710	El Rio



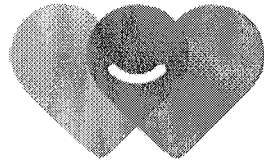
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Natalie Long	85715	
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Carolyn Lovell-Clark	85716	
Erin Lyons	85718	
Melanie Madden	85719	
Chris Magnus	85716	Tucson Police Department (Chief of Police)
Juan Mariscal	85719	The Apple Tree Learning Centers LLC
Sallie Marston	85719	
Margarita Martinez	85730	El Rio Health Center
Mya Martinez	85718	
Patricia Martinez	85711	
Carmen Mberwa	85612	
Amy McAllister	85710	
Kelli McCalley	85719	President- Small Miracles Education
Teri McClemons	85755	Amphitheater Public Schools School Psychologist
Wanda McDonnell	85715	Tucson Country Day School
Shelley McGrew	85623	Certified Nurse Midwife at El Rio Health Center
LELA MESSICK	85629	
Luci Messing	85749	AEA Retired
Virginia Miller	85705	
Brint Milward	85718	University of Arizona professor of government and public policy
Joy Mockbee	85719	
Rajiv Modak	85746	
Bridget Molinar-Karaca	85745	EL RIO
jennifer montano	85746	
Judi Moreillon, MLS, PhD	85749	Literacies and Libraries Consultant
Beth Morrison	85712	Our Family Services
Paula Morrison	85711	Sweet P's Pre-K LLC
Michael Motes	85742	
Vanessa Nanez	85735	Childcare Director
Karla Navarro Coronado	85746	
Ann Nichols	85718	AZ Grandparent Ambassadors & Kinship Families
Mark Nichter	85716	University of Arizona
Mimi Nichter	85716	University of Arizona
Debbie Nickell	85719	Our children need All the help they can get for theirs and our FUTURE !!!
Kristine Nishimura	85741	
Leslie Nixon	85711	
Lisa O'Meara	85737	



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Rosa Ornelas	85746	
Juliana Patel	85716	
Marcella Peru	85705	
Elsa Peterson	85713	Tohono O'odham Community College
Mary Peterson	85716	
Kim Petrikowski	85705	Director of Aftercare Program, Former Preschool Teacher
Mattea Pezza	85745	
Margaret Phillips	85718	
Jenise Porter	85712	
LaKisha Prewitt	85737	I Am Confident
Dennisse Ramirez	85746	
Gabriela Rangel	85716	
James Ratner	85716	Prof. of Law Emeritus, University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law
Kristen Reed	85710	Home Visitor Child and Family Resources
Lori Reid	85730	Sazaeyc, Naeyc, Erik Hite Foundation
Terri Reynolds	85719	Happy Trails School, Director
Sarah Richards	85032	Small Miracles Education
Claudia Rios	85713	
Celina Robles	85629	
Lizeth Robles	85621	United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona
Melissa Root	85750	Literacy Connects
Melissa Rosciano	85704	
Cholpon Rosengren	85658	
Mia Ruiz	85745	
Zelenia Ruiz	85711	
Peter Ryers	85712	
Michelle Saint Hilarie	85742	
Silvia Salcido	85629	
Angela Sanchez	85716	
Michael Schaefer	85719	Teacher at Presidio Schools
Mark Schildt	85716	physician caring for children at El Rio Health
Eric Schindler	85718	Child and Family Resources
Judy Sensibar	85705	
Eve Shapiro	85718	
Zhiwei Shepard	85710	
Susan Shinn	85705	Flowing Wells School District
Aliyah Singh	85710	
Ashlyn Smith	85202	
Laura Soria	85747	



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Diane St Amand	85730	School Guidance Counselor
Katie Stalker	85747	Arizona State University School of Social Work
Dr Rob Stansfield	85737	Grandfather to six grandkids in the Tucson area
Colleen Steinmann	85715	El Rio
Amanda Stewart	85711	
ROBIN STIRLING-KOTTABI	85718	THE SANDBOX EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER
Barbara Sullivan	85750	
Mary Swiergol	85718	Concerned citizen, pima county resident, grandparent to UA sophomore and 5 Maricopa County grandsons.
Matthew Tarver-Wahlquist	85718	
April Turner	85756	St. Mark's Preschool and Kindergarten
Melissa Urreiztieta, MS, CCC-SLP	85704	As a speech-language pathologist who serves special needs preschoolers aged 3-5, in the Amphitheater School District, I have seen first hand the need for not only regular preschool programs in our school districts for available to ALL families but the dire need for expanded preschool programs to serve our special needs students.
Christine Vega	85719	
Jenny Volpe	85719	Make Way for Books
Shannon Warren	85641	
Jimile Weber	85742	
Elaine Wilder	85710	I very much support the preschool promise and urge the Pima County Board of Supervisors to allocate \$10 million dollars in the coming fiscal year for high quality early childhood education!!
Dustin Williams	85719	
Keren Winkelman	85718	
Carole Wymer Jensen	85712	
Erin Yager-DeConcini	85716	Child and Family Resources
Judy Young	85737	Parent
Virginia Yrun	85712	