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Preschool and After-Kinder Care Committee
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Dear Preschool and After-Kinder Care Committee,

It has recently come to our attention that you are accepting proposals for a preschool and after-kinder care program at your new school. What an exciting prospect! Unfortunately, we have missed the date to notify you of our intent to respond. Nevertheless, we are very interested in finding ways to support your project as it develops in our community, should that be of interest.

The Child Development Programs and Services department of Butte County Office of Education administers 13 state-funded preschools (that we call Children's Centers) throughout the county, along with an array of specialized services, including early literacy, nutrition, and social emotional development support. We also coordinate the Butte County Local Child Care Planning Council. As such, we would like to offer our support and consultation in your new venture, at your request.

If you do not find a proposal applicant that is a good match for your school, we would very much like to develop a proposal for your consideration in any subsequent application opportunities. It would be our hope that, in that case, we would have a chance to meet with you to discuss your vision, as well as school and facility logistics. There are many ways that we could approach this project and we want to get it right from the onset. It would be our intent to propose a pilot open-structure preschool and after-kinder program designed collaboratively with you to meet the needs of both programs, their children, families, and school communities.

Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss planning support and/or an opportunity for application. My phone number is 532-5637 and email address is sallen@bcoe.org. During the winter break, I can also be contacted at sherisseallen@sbcglobal.net.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sherisse Allen', written in a cursive style.

Sherisse Allen
Program Resource Analyst

cc: Heather Senske, Administrator

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