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**From:** Erin Sierchio  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2022 1:07 PM  
**To:** SCUSD Public Comment  
**Cc:** Erin Sierchio  
**Subject:** Concerned Parent - LdV Children's Center

Dear School Board Members.

I recently heard a rumor that our school district is going to discuss the permanent closure of the Children's Center (located on the Leonardo da Vinci ek-8 campus). I truly hope that this is not true. So many families depend upon the Children's Center for before/after care. The staff at the Center have been incredibly instrumental in my son's education since he started eK at LdV. His education has truly benefited from having that extra attention...especially after all the Covid-related school closures that have so greatly impacted the emotional and educational wellness of our kids. Putting so many kids at risk.

The Children's Center team members have been a rock for me and my family. They help teach rather than just "baby sit/watch" our children. My son is in 1st grade and is reading at a much higher level because the Children's Center staff has worked with him over the years. He didn't fall behind very much during Covid because the Center was able to open earlier than actual classrooms did and they worked to keep him and the other kids on track. They truly care and aim to help improve the lives of the students in their care.

If this rumored potential closure is true, I am deeply saddened and disappointed in our school district. At a time when parents and kids need more support, cutting programs so many families depend on seems to make no sense. As a working parent, I have few options for care. Most of the programs available are running at capacity already. What are we to do? Where is the support we need?! During the pandemic, so many families (mostly mothers) had to choose between their careers and their children. Even now, as things have opened back, the resources are limited. My family (both my son and myself, as a working mother) will suffer greatly if this program is closed. And I am 100% certain that my family is not alone.

Please read my words and understand the massive impact this decision will have on the lives of those who depend upon this program...including our children. Empathy is what families need at this time, not the closing of valuable resources.

Thanks,

Erin M. Sierchio

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**From:** Julie Minor  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2022 12:49 PM  
**To:** SCUSD Public Comment  
**Cc:** Christina Pritchett; Leticia Garcia; Chinua Rhodes; Lisa Murawski; Jamee Villa; Darrel Woo; Lavinia Phillips; Jacqueline Zhang-Board  
**Subject:** RE: Resolution No. 3255

It appears that the school district is once again revisiting the notion of shutting down the Children's Center programs from SCUSD school sites (including the location on the Leonardo da Vinci ek-8 campus). Is this true? So many families depend upon the Children Center for before/after care. The staff at the Center have been incredibly instrumental in my daughter's education since she started eK at LdV. Her education has truly benefited from having that extra attention...especially after all the Covid closures that have so greatly impacted student learning and put so many kids at risk.

The Children's Center team members help to teach and are more than just babysitters for our children, they help with homework and provide enrichment to the kids, and have flexibility that aligns with the needs of our family. My daughter is in 1st grade and is reading at a much higher level because the Children Center staff has worked with her over the years, she started reading in early kinder as a direct result of her teacher in Children's Center. Not to mention her confidence and overall joy of going to school because of that environment and those teachers (it's also one of the few places she sees a reflection of herself in her teacher as a bi-racial student, which is critical for her confidence and growth in the future). She didn't have a learning loss during Covid because Children's Center opened earlier than the classrooms did and they worked to keep her on track. They truly care and aim to help improve the lives and education of the students in their care.

If this resolution is pursued, I am deeply saddened, disappointed, and truly frustrated with our school district. At a time when parents and kids need more support, cutting programs that many families depend on seems to make little to no sense, especially those that are self-funded or fee for service; if anything expansion of the program should be considered and investigated if it hasn't already. As a working parent, I have few options for care. Most of the programs are running at capacity already, aren't located on the school site and/or don't offer the schedule flexibility or the ability for children to attend after school extracurricular activities as well (e.g. Spanish, Art, OnStage). My family will suffer greatly if this program is closed, both 4th R and Ases are not alternatives that excite me based on what they provide in comparison to what Children's Center provides. I am 100% certain that my family is not alone.

Please read my words and understand the massive impact this decision will have on the lives of those who depend upon this program. I, and many others, fully support the Children's Center program.

Thank you,  
Julie