

To Whom It May Concern:

We are very excited to hear that additional space for Westborough Preschool will be opening in the near future. Hopefully this will help alleviate the wait-list times substantially.

Our son had to wait more than 2.5 years for a spot to open up and our daughter's wait was over 2 years. Our big guy is currently doing very well in kindergarten and we know the preschool program at Westborough played a huge role in preparing him. The teachers, coordinators and aides all took great care of him and are currently doing the same with our little lady. In addition, the variety in the curriculum keeps class fun, entertaining and educational for the kids. We can't say enough about the wonderful program here.

In speaking to other parents, we personally know several who eventually gave up on the wait list or were too intimidated by the 3-4 year average wait time to apply and registered for other preschools in surrounding cities. Although this expansion probably won't affect us since our daughter is already in the program at the moment, we're thrilled South San Francisco is opening up availability and accommodating this huge unmet need for other families.

Thank you!

Huyen & Chris Kreutzer

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I am writing to show my support for the expansion of the city preschool program. As you are aware, South San Francisco is predominantly, a commuter town and most households have a least one working parent. There is an extremely high need for both affordable and dependable childcare.

As a long-time resident of SSF, I knew there was a city-run preschool, but was shocked at hard it was to get a spot. When I first applied for my child, she was only one month old, and it took **three years** before a spot was available for her. Thankfully, I have a good support system and could afford to wait that long but I doubt every parent has that luxury. With such a long wait period, there is clearly a dire need for more spots in our preschool program. My experience with the preschool program thus far has been phenomenal and the long wait list indicates how rarely children withdraw from the program. As a working parent, I feel extremely lucky to have a spot in our city's preschool program. I understand how hard it is for other parents struggling to find childcare that is both safe and affordable (sometimes, the cost of childcare can be more than an entire month's salary!). I hope the council votes to increase the number of spots in our program to meet the needs of our wonderful community of parents.

Sincerely,

Andrea Chan

Dear Members of the Review Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed expansion of South City Preschool. As a father of three young boys, ages three, five, and six. I have seen firsthand the profound impact this school has had on both children and parents in our community.

Having siblings attend the same preschool has been incredibly beneficial for my children. Being together provided comfort, emotional security, and a smoother transition during what can be a challenging stage of early development. This sense of familiarity helped build their confidence and allowed them to thrive in a new learning environment.

The expansion of South City Preschool would also greatly benefit parents in our community. Increased capacity would help meet the growing demand for preschool placement during critical times when families urgently need care and early education. Unfortunately, I know families who were unable to secure a spot simply because they did not register early enough and were forced to pay extremely high costs elsewhere just to enroll their children. Expanding this program would help alleviate that burden and create more equitable access to quality early childhood education.

Finally, the professionalism, dedication, and care shown by the current faculty and management at South City Preschool have been exceptional. If these values continue and are passed along to new staff as the school grows, the expansion will not only benefit local families today but also positively shape the future of our community.

This expansion is more than just growth for a school; it is an investment in our children and the future they represent. I strongly encourage your support of South City Preschool's expansion.

Sincerely,



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To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing as a parent who's been part of the Westborough Preschool family for almost three years now with my two kids. We love it here, and it's clearly a huge part of our community. You can tell just by looking at that massive 3 year waitlist!

The staff does such a magnificent job, but I really feel like it's time to give them a space that matches the quality of work they do. Our kids deserve a facility that's modern, clean, and safe, and expanding the program would mean so many more local families could actually get to experience what we've been able to.

I'd love to see the momentum of this program going and invest in a fresh, new space for the next round of little ones coming through.

I am open to having a discussion regarding the request, please free to contact me by email.

Best,

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To whom it may concern,

I am a South San Francisco resident and a parent to 2 young toddlers. I placed both on the preschool waitlist shortly BEFORE they were born, knowing the guidance suggested a three-year wait. As I continue to navigate childcare availability (e.g., preschool, TK) in South San Francisco, I'm happy to see that the city has active plans to expand preschool offerings and cannot wait to learn more as it's been a little difficult to find the exact details.

When my first child started at Westborough preschool, I immediately saw how quickly his vocabulary expanded and the joy he had playing with peers in the same age group within just weeks. Thanks to the dedicated playground he has also become extremely strong and adept at crawling on all types of structures - a plus as he builds his stamina and a challenge as we try to keep up (haha). I continue to be impressed by his learning, which ranges from prominent historical figures like Martin Luther King Jr, to themed/cultural festivals and random nature facts that he likes to recall to me during our time together. The teachers are compassionate and caring.

With the plans to expand preschool - both physically and in enrollment capacity - I hope more parents get a chance to access affordable and excellent preschool learning spaces for their little ones.

My second child is waiting in the wings for her chance to come off the waitlist when she reaches the eligible age and physical readiness. I hope the expansion means more friends, greater diversity, more learning opportunities and a stronger community for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Ellis Luk

To whom it may concern,

Expanding the preschool is important because it allows more children to access high-quality early childhood education during a critical stage of development. A larger program can serve more families in the community, reduce waitlists, and provide children with early social, emotional and academic skills that will help build an early foundation for learning. Expanding the preschool will create additional space and resources to better support individual children's needs and help set the children up for a smoother transition into kindergarten. To conclude, by growing the preschool, the school is helping children thrive, supporting families, and setting up the next generation for success.

Sincerely,

Parent of a current preschooler and another soon to join