

Dear Committee Members,

I'm writing to provide comment to the Joint Committee on Student Success for the public hearing on Thursday, April 11 regarding House Bill 2019.

I was glad to see that your committee has approved roughly \$400 million in new investments in early childhood programs and services. Investing in early childhood reduces inequality, expands young minds, and sets children on the path to success.

Early education sets the stage for all students success. Investing in Early Pre-K, Preschool and Relief Nurseries assures that our most vulnerable children and families will have access to the supports they need to be successful in later educational endeavors.

Thank you for the support of your children, families and communities.

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