



To the City of Flagstaff Councilmembers,

We are grateful for the support of providing the seed money for Elevate PreK, an initiative created from through the collaborative action of LAUNCH Flagstaff as a shared strategy for improving quality and access to high quality early learning experiences for children.

As we near the completion of year one of the pilot program, we are beginning to set out on meeting our third goal of identifying a sustainable funding pathway to ensure all four-year-olds have access to high quality early learning, so that the community as a whole can benefit from this program. After consulting with other Arizona cities who have similar initiatives, as well as other models across the nation, we will be hiring a consultant to form a coalition with a local committee of stakeholders who can provide input on goals and outcomes desired, influence program-design, and complete a cost-model analysis to determine a funding goal.

We are asking the city to be a contributor to this work, knowing that having a comprehensive plan will benefit the city in making decisions about supporting children and families. We are requesting the city to invest \$25,000 towards this two-year project in conjunction with funds from the Wharton Foundation and Coconino County. Our leveraged resources will allow us to have a greater impact on building a program that provides the social and economic supports needed to benefit Flagstaff's future.

I look forward to hearing back from the city about our continued partnership.

With thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Cirzan".

Rebecca Cirzan

Elevate PreK Coordinator, Candelen

