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Subject: Ladysmith Primary Childcare



Good Morning Charlene,

I hope this email finds you well and I apologize if you are the wrong person I should be reaching out to. Recently my wife and I were told that our children's Child Care Center, Plum Tree Cottage, at Ladysmith Primary school would be closing permanently at the end of the year. This center has been a blessing for us, we both work full time and to have the convenience of having our kids remain at the school under the watch of teachers whom they trust is nothing short of amazing. We bounced around from center to center before finding Plum Tree, the staff truly goes above and beyond for these kids and my kids would be the first to tell you how much they enjoy it. The structure they provide, the learning after school, and how involved the staff is with the kids is unlike anything we have found elsewhere. To our knowledge, the school district can keep the childcare running by operating directly with existing EAs from the school and so I am urging you to please consider this. My children used to dread daycare and ultimately we had reservations about sending them, we would continually find other care providers just sitting on phones while children are running wild or the kids would be gathered around the one child with a tablet. At Plum Tree, I arrive to find my kids building things, playing outside, and making crafts, all with the staff engaged in what the children are doing as a parent there is nothing better than knowing my kids are enjoying before/after school while we are at work. Again, if you are not the proper recipient for this issue, I apologize.

Thanks for your time,

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