## GORDON SKEETERS NORTHWEST CHILD DEVEVOPMENT CENTERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS BOARD CHAIRMAN

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Winston Salem City Council 101 N.Main Street Winston Salem, North Carolina 27101

**Dear City Council Members:** 

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Board of Directors of Northwest Child Development Centers (operating as MudPies).

Since 1970, the mission of the organization has been to provide quality early childhood education to families in Forsyth County.

Over the years the City Council has been very supportive of your efforts in form of loans both "forgivable" and "non-forgivable". Without the city's assistance, it would have been impossible for our nonprofit entity to provide quality subsidized educational services. Nonetheless, the financial head winds our organization has faced over the past few years have become gale force. With this in mind and after much deliberation, the Board has determined the best way to continue the mission of NWCDC is to sell the NWCDC operations and physical facility at 251 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street to KQC Investors — a local company committed to the community and early childhood education.

KQC has assured the Board that they would assume NWCDC's financial obligation to the City. There are some details that will need to "worked-out" and the overall financial obligation finalized.

The Board believes that a sale to KQC is the best alternative for all involved -the City, NWCDC and most importantly the families currently served by MudPies at the 7<sup>th</sup> Street location.

We ask that the Council seriously consider the offer put forth by KQC Investors.

Thank you for your consideration,

Gordon Skeeters

Northwest Child Development Centers Board Chairman