PROTECT PRESCHOOL OPTIONS

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Pledge to take a stand against the exclusion of community-based, early learning organizations in the rollout of universal preschool in Chicago.

Community organizations offer full-day, full-year, high-quality birth-to-five programming and services for the whole family. If community organizations are excluded, working families would suffer the loss of the extended hours of the quality education they offer.

I support the Support Early Education (SEEd) campaign and request that Chicago halt the Chicago Early Learning RFP process until there is a comprehensive plan that:

- Ensures preservation of preschool options for three-and four-year-olds within community organizations.
- Includes input from the SEEd campaign and other community providers.
- Conducts analysis of supply and demand for preschool slots by neighborhood and addresses facility needs for programming.
- Articulates how the rollout will address the shortage of qualified teachers and staff.

Families deserve the ability to choose the best community or school option to meet their children’s needs.

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Signature

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Date