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Subject: Statement on Prek Report
To: PEIC Committee Members

Dear Molly and members of the Prekindergarten Education Implementation Committee-

Hello. My name is Linda January, I am the Executive Director of Otter Creek Child Center in Middlebury. We are a Prek partner with 3 districts this year, serving 16 children in our prek classroom. We have been involved with Universal Prek since before Act 166.

I want to provide some public comment regarding the draft report that was issued earlier this month.

I was very pleased to see that the report reflected keeping the current system a mixed delivery system for both 3 and 4 year olds. I hope that these two aspects continue to make their way through to the final draft, reflecting Vermont's status as a national leader in providing universal prek to both 3 and 4 year olds through a mixed delivery system.

I agree that our system is not perfect but feel very strongly that change can be made to improve the system without changing these two critical components.

Thank you for this important work you are all doing. I look forward to seeing the second and final drafts.

If you have follow up questions I can be reached at 802-388-9688 or via email.

Best,
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