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Dear Members of Advisor Neighborhood Council 6D:

I write to you concerning AppleTree Early Learning PCS's plans to continue serving the families and children of Southwest. As you may know, AppleTree's first preschool was founded at Riverside Baptist Church at 680 Eye Street, SW in 2001. Since that time more than 1,300 young children, primarily from Southwest, have left AppleTree Early Learning prepared to thrive in kindergarten and beyond.

AppleTree's former preschool at 801 7th Street, SW, will re-open at 475 School Street, SW for SY 2020-21. We, as well as many Southwest residents, were disappointed that we could not reach an agreement with the city to keep that highly rated, fully-enrolled early childhood program open for the 108 families that were enrolled; but we are pleased that we will be able to re-open, in a modern, new facility next year. As you also know, the need for quality early learning programs far exceeds the existing supply of highly qualified providers, so we are pleased that we will have an opportunity to open a second site to serve the growing number of Southwest families in partnership with PN Hoffman and The Wharf in 2022.

We know, based on nearly two decades of service to the Southwest neighborhood, that the new School Street location will be a major asset to our community. Our new space will be modern, bright and light-filled, a significant improvement over the modulars AppleTree used these past four years. We know parents and children will take great delight in these new preschools.

We're thrilled with these new locations and I hope you share our enthusiasm for the difference these modern facilities will make in the quality of the early learning that will take place within their walls.

I am happy to answer any questions you may have at your convenience.

All the best,

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