



Proposal: Pilot Universal TK-K Care Program (Access for All)

Overview

Our proposal establishes a pilot Universal TK-K Care Program designed to meet the needs of all families within our community and **create a system in which all TK-K students are automatically enrolled** in the Universal TK-K Care program at La Patera School (Goleta, CA). This **Opt-Out System** will **increase access** by removing traditional barriers associated with the conventional application process.

Current TK/K School & Care Data

Category	TK	K
Current La Patera School Enrollment	30	49
Current 2024-25 TK-K Care Enrollment	10	20
Projected 2025-26 TK/K Care Enrollment	20	55

With projected TK/K Care program growth at 150%, additional After School Program staff will be required to accommodate a projected enrollment of 75 students. The following positions will be added;

- **ASP Universal Site Facilitator (1):** this position will oversee the TK/K Care Program, and reports to the ASP Site Coordinator to support program objectives for safety, building community belonging, and learning.
- **ASP Group Leader (4):** The ASP Group Leaders work directly with students and will support the required California Department of Education staff to student ratios of 10:1.

By expanding access and intentionally designing environments to foster inquiry, collaboration, and play-based learning, this program will extend the school day experience, support working families, and further our mission as a true neighborhood and community school.

Program Objectives

1. **Support Families:** Provide accessible, reliable after-school care for all TK-K students to help working families balance their responsibilities to support objectives during the school day..
2. **Foster Academic and Social Growth:** Create enriching experiences that build academic foundations (i.e. literacy and numeracy), promote student collaboration, and enhance social-emotional learning and improved behavior.
3. **Promote Play-Based Learning:** Expand on traditional day efforts to prioritize inquiry, exploration, and hands-on experiences as key elements of early childhood education.

Alignment with Research and Best Practices

Research in early childhood education highlights the importance of play-based learning for cognitive, social, and emotional development. This program aligns with these best practices, offering opportunities for children to learn through exploration and interaction with their environment.

Community Impact

This program supports families by ensuring all TK-K students have access to care while fostering a sense of community and inclusivity. It addresses the economic challenges faced by families in our community by providing reliable, high-quality after-school programming. Furthermore, it strengthens the connection between our school and neighborhood, supporting the development of a strong, vibrant, and cohesive community.

Program Effectiveness

In order to measure program effectiveness, we will conduct staff and parent surveys bi-annually. Topics to include fostering a sense of community, overall well being,

Conclusion

The proposed Pilot Universal TK-K Care Program represents an innovative approach to meeting the needs of families and students in our community. By combining equitable access, dedicated staff support, and a commitment to play-based learning, we aim to create a nurturing environment where children can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. We respectfully seek approval and funding to implement this pilot program, which has the potential to serve as a model for future community-based initiatives.

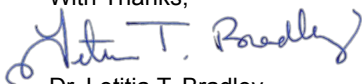
Budget

To create an inclusive “All Access” TK/K Care program we would add the following positions to meet program objectives for safety, building community belonging, and learning. These positions would be in addition to the current TK/K Care & After School Program of 11 staff members.

	# positions	cost
ASP Universal Site Facilitator	1	\$42,191
ASP Group Leader (4.5 hr)	1	\$22,236
ASP Group Leader (4 hr)	3	\$59,296
TK/K Program Supplies	n/a	\$18,777
Staff Professional Development	n/a	\$2,500
		\$145,000

The After School program would continue to offer the same types of financial support for families and continue to extend the current fee (\$250/mo) for all fee based enrollees in the Universal TK/K Care Program (for service hours from 1:30p-6:00p on all school days). *We certify that the information in this application is true and accurate to the best of our knowledge and is submitted via delegated authority from our Governing Body to apply for grants. We also certify that we will use the requested funds as set forth and for the purposes identified in this application if the Board of Supervisors approves this application and our Governing Body approves acceptance of the requested funds.*

With Thanks,



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