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TO: Applicants for funding to the
Early Childhood Care and Education Board

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The Early Childhood Care and Education Board (ECCEB) reviews Community Resource funding in Program Area I (*Child Care*). The ECCEB has met over the last two months to review and make recommendations for 2009 funding of Early Childhood Care and Education Programs/Services.

Mayor Cieslewicz instructed Departments to submit their 2009 operating budgets at an adjusted base level. This figure is based on the 2008 adopted operating budget. However, for the Community Services Program the adjusted base includes a 3% COLA increase. He has further asked agencies to submit contingency cut plans of 5%. He's asked that these plans be provided as an addendum to the adjusted base budget submission.

In its July 16, 2008 meeting, the ECCEB made its preliminary recommendations for funding for 2009. The enclosed chart indicates *preliminary* funding recommendations for both the adjusted base budget and for contingency cuts of up to 5%. The ECCEB public hearing on these recommendations will be held Wednesday, July 23 at 8:00 a.m. at the Madison Water Utility building located at 119 E. Olin Avenue. If you wish to address the Board at this time, please call Becky Schesny at 266-6520 or e-mail rschesny@cityofmadison.com to schedule a three minute presentation. Testimony will be accepted on a first come first served basis. You may submit written comments to the Board in lieu of appearing at the hearing. E-mail comments to jibeling@cityofmadison.com or deliver them to the Office of Community Services, Madison Municipal Building, Room 225, 215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard or by mail to: P.O. Box 2627, Madison, Wisconsin 53701. Written comments must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 22nd in order to be considered when the Board makes its funding recommendations at the conclusion of the public hearing.

Please note the enclosed funding chart indicates *preliminary* recommendations. *Final* funding recommendations will be adopted directly following the July 23rd hearing, and may reflect changes based on information received in the hearing. Final recommendations will be transmitted to the Community Services Commission (CSC). The CSC will hold a public hearing on its preliminary budget recommendations on July 29th at 6:00 p.m. at the Madison Water Utility building, 119 E. Olin Avenue. At the conclusion of testimony, the CSC will adopt its final budget recommendations for all community resources funding areas, including Program Area I (*Child Care*).