



COUNTRY CREEK LEARNING CENTER
6187 PORTAGE ROAD
DEFOREST, WI 53532

Dear Ms. Host and Madison Board Members,

As the end of our City Accreditation approaches, I wanted thank you for all of the support and assistance we have received. I also wanted to check to see if there has been any progress on initiating a fee structure for centers outside the city limits. This was brought up at the board meeting last March and it was stated that this may be an option in the future.

At our staff retreat this fall, we spent the majority of the time researching new accreditations that our center could obtain. What we found was that none of the options will be as beneficial to our center as the City of Accreditation process, and that there are many costs that go along with them. It became very hard to focus which one we should pursue. Instead, we found ourselves focusing on why the city accreditation was so much better and how we would rather put the money towards paying a fee to the city.

It seems that over the past twelve years the city has invested a lot of time and funds into Country Creek, and we have established a real rapport. The two specialists that have reviewed our center know and understand what is best for Country Creek children and families. Our staff has gained so much knowledge and made many positive changes from the assistance that we have received. It is a very established partnership that really does not require a lot of hours of service to maintain the quality.

We feel strongly that paying expensive fees, adding up numbers, and being evaluated for one day every three years does not prove quality, but it does require a lot of unnecessary time and money.

Country Creek would be much more interested in pursuing a contract with the city that provides a service of quality child care to children and families. We would also be more invested paying fees that would be going towards helping families that need assistance with childcare. It seems that this would be a win-win for everyone.



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We are urging you and pleading to you to consider a fee arrangement that is reasonable for both parties, so that Country Creek Learning Center can continue with the City Accreditation process.

We ask that you provide the Board Members a copy of this letter and provide us with a response by December 1, 2013.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sara Hagen, Patricia Gobrecht, Candace Page, Josh Page, Tracy Dutcher, Faith Lamont, Traci Kelsey, Ellen Preston, Sarah Adler, Katie Scherer, Lauren Phelan, Joan Kerman, Kristen Pfister, Heidi Kabele, Ryne Franz, Rebecca Peirick, and Emily Esser