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To: Alan Sweet, Community Services Committee Chair  
From: Scott Peters, Early Childhood Care and Education Committee Chair

At its July 28, 2011 meeting, the Early Childhood Care and Education Committee recommended moving Community Resources funding from the DCPC Preschool Enrichment Program to the East Madison Community Center Children's Development Program. The total to be transferred in 2011 is \$9,965. The ECCEC sends this recommendation to the Community Services Committee for approval.

DCPC is moving the Preschool Enrichment Program out of the East Madison Community Center at Truax to the East Dempsey Head Start site starting the fall of 2011. The city specifically funded the PEP to provide onsite early childhood education to children in Truax. Enrollment has been low for a few years. Many families are not working and/or do not qualify for public child care funding. In addition, due to the rehabilitation of Truax apartments, the number of families with preschool children who need full day childcare has dropped. No families from Truax currently use the Preschool Enrichment Program. DCPC will move PEP to East Dempsey where a full day program exists. At East Madison Community Center, DCPC will situate double (AM & PM) Head Start programs, serving 34 children from Truax and the neighboring community.

In the 2011-2012 Community Resources funding cycle, Dane County Parent Council Preschool Enrichment Program received an annual allocation of \$40,060 for a full day child care program. DCPC has been paid 75% of their 2011 allocation or \$30,095 for services through the summer. City funding for DCPC PEP will end the fall of 2011 leaving \$9,965 unspent.

The ECCEC has approved is recommending to the CSC that these remaining funds be allocated to the Children's Development Program of the East Madison Community Center. (Note: The ECCEC approved \$9500. The intent of the ECCEC was to allocate the entire balance. That final amount is \$9965.) In the 2011-2012 funding process, the Children's Development Program (elementary school aged services) received \$44,368 with a request of \$58,233. The reallocation of \$9965 to EMCC ensures that the remaining funds target services for the intended population, Truax children served by the EMCC.

In 2012 DCPC PEP will receive no funding. This means that its allocation of \$40,060 remains unallocated.