



Skagit County Board of Commissioners

Ron Wesen, First District

Peter Browning, Second District

Lisa Janicki, Third District

January 31, 2023

RE: Grant Funding for SPARC Capital Project

To Whom it May Concern,

As the Board of County Commissioners, we are writing to express our support for Skagit Preschool and Resource Center's (SPARC) efforts to secure funding for a new facility through their Capital Campaign project. SPARC works within Skagit County to provide educational and therapeutic services to children with special needs, ages birth to five. These vital services give hundreds of Washington families the opportunity for early intervention and special education services year after year.

SPARC has been an integral part of Skagit County for over 5 decades. In our county, SPARC provides specialized services to children with special needs and developmental delays. Skagit County is also experiencing a shortage of quality, affordable childcare for families with young children. Over the last year SPARC has opened its Sparklers program, creating valuable childcare spaces. SPARC has proven to be a crucial asset to our community, consistently providing important services to our children under the age of 5.

We strongly believe that SPARC expanding their operations will enhance the care children in our county receive. This grant will enable SPARC to provide crucial childcare, therapy, and early intervention services to an increasing number of children. Addressing Skagit County's childcare and therapy service shortage will help to strengthen early childhood education opportunities for every child despite any developmental differences.

Sincerely,

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Ron Wesen, Chair

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

Peter Browning, Commissioner