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Dear Friends at The Children's Movement,

The CDEA has long supported initiatives that increase quality learning programs for all children. We are delighted to see that your 2012 Legislative Agenda items for VPK are what the CDEA has long supported. We endorse the need for evidence-based curricula that address the whole child. We also endorse a pre- and post-assessment in VPK that assesses all domains, not just reading and math skills. Assessing the whole child is the only way to address a child's true needs.

The CDEA also has long supported initiatives that promote quality learning programs for ALL children. We have actively supported early identification of children with special needs coupled with quality early intervention techniques and family involvement.

We believe that supporting family values and involving families in the ongoing development of their children is paramount to maximizing the potential of young children. The Children's Movement has done an excellent job in outlining a system which supports and involves families.

It gives us great pleasure to endorse The Children's Movement 2012 VPK, Special Needs, and Families Agenda items. We look forward to partnering with you to promote higher quality early learning in VPK, early identification and increased access to quality early learning services for special children, and supporting and involving families.

Sincerely,

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Ellen McKinley
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