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FOR INFORMATION CALL

January 12, 2023

Ald. Marina Dimitrijevic
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Ald. Dimitrijevic, Mayor Johnson, Ald. Spiker to visit early childhood education facility TOMORROW

Aldewoman Marina Dimitrijevic, Mayor Cavalier Johnson, and Alderman Scott Spiker will visit Yimma’s Bright Beginnings (a local early childhood education facility) tomorrow to meet with staff, discuss the important work being done to uplift children and families, and see firsthand the impact City support has had on boosting the industry. **Media coverage is invited.**

In 2021, the City invested more than \$7,000,000 in ARPA funding to support early childhood education, including funding for the recently launched Early Childhood Workforce Stipend Program. The program provides eligible early childhood educators in Milwaukee with up to \$1,500 over three installments. Additional information and application instructions can be found at <https://weca.info/MKEapp>.

“The City’s investment in early childhood education was historic, and the funding will support caregivers, allow women to return to the workforce, and stabilize childcare throughout Milwaukee. Yimma Davila-Castro played a key role in making this a reality, and I can’t wait to see firsthand the difference already being made,” said Aldewoman Dimitrijevic, sponsor of the early childhood education ARPA amendment.

“Early education and care before K-12 is essential for shaping every child in Milwaukee’s future. Education starts long before K-12 and I am happy that we were able to dedicate a piece of the ARPA funding to the providers who have dedicated their lives to this workforce. I am eager to join Aldewoman Dimitrijevic in visiting Yimma’s Bright Beginnings to see the impact that this program can have,” said Mayor Johnson

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The Early Childhood Workforce Stipend Program was developed by the Milwaukee Early Childhood Education Coalition and is facilitated by the Wisconsin Early Childhood Association. “Early educators are the workforce behind the workforce. They allow parents of young children to go to work, and give children the foundation for success in school and beyond. The City’s investment will help build the stable, well-supported early education workforce that Milwaukee’s families deserve,” said **Daria Hall**, Milwaukee Succeeds Early Childhood Education Director and co-lead of the Milwaukee Early Childhood Education Coalition.

Those that have questions or are in need of additional assistance regarding the Early Childhood Workforce Stipend Program can email mkestipend@wisconsinearlychildhood.org or call (608) 230-8005.

What: Early Childhood Facility Site Visit

When: Friday, January 13 at 3:30 p.m.

Where: Yimma’s Bright Beginnings, 5262 S. 9th St.

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