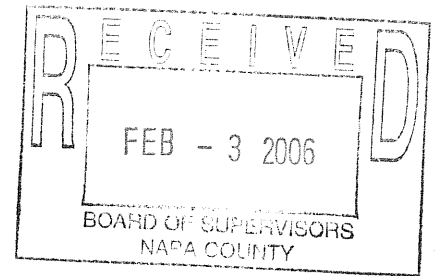


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cc: MS McLaughlin

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Mr. Bill Dodd  
Napa County Board of Supervisors  
1195 Third St. Room 310  
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Dear Bill,

We are writing to inform you about Napa County's Preschool for All Advisory Committee and to ask for a representative from your agency to serve on the committee.

The Preschool for All Ballot Initiative has qualified for the June 2006 ballot and

- Identifies a deadline of 2010 for making preschool available to all four year old children
- Requires Bachelor level teachers in every preschool classroom by 2016 (head teachers must have Bachelor's degrees by 2015)
- Funds the initiative through a tax on individuals with income over \$400,000.

If passed, PFA legislation will likely have a significant impact on Napa County child care centers, family child care providers and local colleges and universities. In order to meet the potential demand for PFA slots, many of the current child care providers are needed as PFA providers.

The Advisory Committee will be a working committee representative of various stakeholders in Napa County that are interested in PFA. Committee members are being recruited for their expertise and ability to articulate the implications and issues related to PFA system wide rather than focusing on a particular geographic area or type of preschool. It is anticipated that the Advisory Committee will assist in the research of supply and demand as well as conduct community outreach.

The Advisory Committee responsibilities will be:

- Providing an on-going commitment by the persons involved in the project or, if such commitment cannot be sustained, to promptly notify the chairperson.
- Conducting research and providing information needed to conduct the project including completing worksheets and supply and demand tasks.
- Identifying areas for community outreach, the child-care and translation needed and conducting community outreach in various areas in Napa County.
- Arranging to document outreach activities and submitting results to SEI.
- Attending the scheduled meetings, planning teleconference sessions, and participating in decision-making.
- Reviewing each major project deliverable and either accepting or rejecting with specific comments on issues to address.

Throughout the project, there will be structured decision making sessions and documentation of all decisions. Funding for the consultant and administrative assistant costs are provided through First 5 Napa County Children and Families Commission.

The kickoff meeting for the Committee will be February 24, 2006 from 8:30 – 12:30 at NCOE located at 2121 Imola Avenue, Napa. At this meeting, the PFA facilitator will review the planning activities, timeline and solicit feedback regarding the approach and additional stakeholders to involve. The project calendar, meeting times and locations will be decided.

Please call Cecilia Coggiola at First 5, 257-1410 to RSVP for the meeting and provide her with the name of your agency representative.

We are looking forward to this exciting collaborative process. Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Barbara Nemko  
Superintendent  
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Anne Carver  
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