



Dear Senator Kunesh and Members of the Senate  
Education Finance Committee,

As the Executive Director of Joyce Preschool, a non-profit dual immersion preschool serving low-income, Spanish speaking, and immigrant families, I am writing to express my **strong support for S.F. 1276**.

This bill would fully fund Early Learning Scholarships for all children ages 0-5 in families below 200% of the federal poverty guideline. This investment is critical for our students and families, who face significant barriers to accessing high-quality early childhood education.

At Joyce Preschool, we have seen firsthand the impact that high-quality early childhood education can have on children's outcomes and development. Our students come from diverse backgrounds, and many of them face challenges related to language barriers, poverty, and immigration status.

Despite these challenges, we have seen our students thrive in our dual immersion program, which supports their academic, social-emotional, and cultural development. Our balanced population of English and Spanish speaking students allows for mutual language learning, cultural understanding, and community building.

Through our work, we have seen that early childhood education is key to the success of our students and families. Research has consistently shown that investments in early childhood education have a positive impact on children's outcomes, including higher achievement scores, reduced need for special education services, and increased high school graduation rates.

Furthermore, these investments have been shown to have long-term benefits, such as increased economic mobility and reduced crime rates.

By fully funding Early Learning Scholarships for all children ages 0-5 in families below 200% of the federal poverty guideline, we can ensure that our most vulnerable children have access to the high-quality early childhood education they need to succeed. This investment will not only benefit our students and families but will also have a positive impact on our communities and our state.

**I urge you to support S.F. 1276 and make this critical investment in the future of our state.**

Thank you for your consideration.  
Sincerely,

Ryan Mulso  
Executive Director  
Joyce Preschool