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The Honorable Glenn Youngkin
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The Honorable Janet D. Howell
Co-Chair, Senate Finance and
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The Honorable Barry D. Knight
Chair, House Appropriations Committee
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The Honorable George L. Barker
Co-Chair, Senate Finance and
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Dear Governor Youngkin, Delegate Knight, Senator Howell, and Senator Barker:

Item 129.N of the 2023 Virginia State Budget (Special Session I) directs the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) to convene a work group of early childhood care and education advocates and appropriate subject matter experts to develop recommendations for the use of marijuana tax revenues, collected pursuant to § [4.1-614](#), Code of Virginia, in combination with other state and federal resources, to maximize access to pre-kindergarten programs for three- and four-year old children. The VDOE was to submit a report summarizing the findings of the work group in October 2023.

To date, the VDOE has not convened the work group described above due to the status of implementation of marijuana tax revenues. The VDOE has made progress towards the goal of studying maximizing access and parental choice through the work of the Commission on Early Childhood Care and Education and other ongoing efforts.

Please direct questions to Jenna Conway, Deputy Superintendent of Early Childhood at Jenna.Conway@doe.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Coons".

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