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To Whom It May Concern:

In North County San Diego, there is significant lack of qualified preschool teachers and childcare providers. One of these reasons is the increased requirement for early educators to continue their education. By directly matching Palomar's teacher education, certificate offerings to the State of California *Child Development* Permit requirements will greatly increase the number of eligible and skillful teacher candidates for positions in early care and education. The *Child Development Master Teacher: Preschool* program instituted by Palomar College will align with the needs of MAAC's Child Development Program to hire fully qualified teachers. Participating in the Child Development Master Teacher: Preschool program will provide Palomar College students and potential employees in the field of early education with the courses needed to apply for and receive their California Master Teacher Permit.

MAAC Child Development will continue to hire qualified Palomar College students and graduates.

Please feel free to contact me at: 760-471-4210.

Sincerely,

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