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Dear Ms. Kenney,

It is no surprise that the COVID-19 pandemic has had dire consequences on our youth and the programs that offered to them within the town. As a childcare provider in Wareham, I recognize the significant need of a school age program in our town. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many programs were forced to shut their doors indefinitely due to financial hardships, and those programs that survived financially, had to decrease their enrollment due to the work force shortage. Whether it be due to the programs closing or lessening their enrollment, families are struggling to find school age programs for their children that allow them the flexibility that their work schedules require.

I, Maria LaPorta, am interested in renting classrooms within the former Decas Elementary School building with the sole purpose of providing before, after and out of school time care to children ages 5 to 10 years old. The program would be licensed by the Department of Early Education and Care and remain in compliance with their policies and procedures. All employees working with the children would undergo an extensive background check and would have to be found suitable by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts before they can begin working in the program. This section would need to be isolated from strangers entering and exiting the building, have access to the playground and proximity to restrooms.

I feel that with the significant need for school age childcare in Wareham and in conjunction with my years of experience and ability to provide qualified staff, that this program can be a positive addition to the town Wareham and its families. I look forward to hearing from you and working together on this exciting opportunity.

Very Respectfully,

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