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To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Authorize Contracts for the Preschool Special Education Program

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize contracts with the approved schools, agencies, and individuals listed in Attachment A in a total amount not to exceed \$28,100,000 annually for the provision of services for the Preschool Special Education Program ("Preschool Program") for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025.

The Preschool Program is a federally mandated program through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Monroe County is required by New York State to administer the Preschool Program to children, age three to five, who are eligible for special education services. The County fulfills this responsibility by contracting with a variety of eligible, State-approved Preschool Program providers for evaluations, consultations, education, and related services. The Preschool Program providers, who deliver Special Education Classrooms, Evaluations, and Special Education Itinerant Services, submit an application and go through an approval process with the New York State Education Department. Based on the most recent school year with completed data (2020-2021), the Preschool Program served 2,920 Monroe County children.

The specific legislative action required is to authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute contracts, and any amendments thereto, with the approved schools, agencies, and individuals specified in Attachment A, and additional contractors approved by the Monroe County Department of Public Health, as needed, provided they submit the appropriate approval by the New York State Department of Education Office or have met the requirements of the New York State Department of Education Office of the Professions, for the provision of services for the Preschool Special Education Program in a total amount not to exceed \$28,100,000 annually for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(26) ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Funding for the first year of these contracts is included in the 2022 operating budget of the Department of Public Health, general fund 9001, funds centers 5807510000, PSE Tuition & SEIT, 5807520000, PSE Related Services and 5807530000, PSE Preschool Evaluations, and will be requested in future years' budgets. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

The records in the Office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that none of these agencies or individuals owe any delinquent Monroe County property taxes.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,


Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive

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Attachment A

Contractors for Preschool Special Education Program

Affinity Rehabilitation, LLP	Liberty Resources Psychology, Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy, PLLC
Annechino, Janelle - Independent Speech/Language Pathologist	Liposchak, Melissa d/b/a ROC Your Voice Speech-language & AAC Services – Independent Speech/Language Pathologist
Beamish, Jane - Independent Teacher of the Deaf and Hearing Impaired	MacMullen, Rachel d/b/a Strong Roots Pediatric Speech Therapy - Independent Speech/Language Pathologist
Bowen, Anna - Independent Occupation Therapist	Mary Carola Children's Center, Inc.
Brace, Erica - Independent Speech/Language Pathologist	McGregor, Elizabeth - Independent Speech/Language Pathologist
Breaking Boundaries OT AND PT Services, PLLC	Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES
Bright Start Pediatric SLP & OT Services, PLLC	The Network for Children's Speech, Occupational and Physical Therapy, LLC d/b/a Children's Therapy Network
Building Blocks Comprehensive Services, Inc.	O'Brien, Caitlin dba Collecting Words Pediatric Speech Therapy - Independent Speech/Language Pathologist
Building Blocks Learning Center, LLC	Opalecky Physical Therapy Services PLLC - Independent Physical Therapist
Camillaci, Usa Ann - Independent Speech/Language Pathologist	Parker, Jeanne - Independent Occupational Therapist
Casey, Kathryn - Independent Speech/Language Pathologist	Platek, Rosie - Independent Occupational Therapist
Center for Autism and Related Disorders, Inc.	Rochester ChildFirst Network (RCN) I/k/a Rochester Children's Nursery
Colluci, Gina - Independent Speech/Language Pathologist	Rochester City School District
Cross, Tatlanna, dba Growing Minds Speech-Language Therapy - Independent Speech/Language Pathologist	Room to Bloom Therapy Services, LLC
Dastyck, Ashley - Independent Speech/Language Pathologist	Slentz, Marianne – Independent Speech/Language Pathologist
Daystar for Medically Fragile Children, Inc	Smith, Evan - Independent Teacher of the Blind and Visually Impaired
Finger Lakes Therapy Works, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech-Language Pathology, and Psychology, PLLC	Snyder, Allison - Independent Speech/Language Pathologist
Finger Lakes United Cerebral Palsy, Inc. d/b/a Happiness House	Speech Language & Communication Associates, SLP, OT, PT, PLLC
Fox, Jacqueline - Independent Speech/Language Pathologist	Step By Step Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Language Therapy, LMSW and Psychology Services, PLLC
Fusare-White, Joanne – Independent Teacher of the Deaf	TVI Lehman Services, LLC - Independent Teacher of the Visually Impaired
Gebhard, Ann - Independent Occupational Therapist	United Cerebral Palsy Association of the Rochester Area, Inc. d/b/a/CP Rochester
Habecker, Andrea - Independent Occupation Therapist	Upstate Music Therapy Center, LLC
Hearing and Speech Center of Rochester Inc., dba Rochester Hearing and Speech Center	Waughtel, Alissa - Independent Speech/Language Pathologist
Hilton Central School District	Wayne County ARC – Roosevelt Children's Center
Hoke, Judith - Independent Occupational Therapist	Western New York Speech-Language Pathology, OT and PT Consultants, PLLC, d/b/a Clinical Associates of the Finger Lakes
Howe, Shella - Independent Occupation Therapist	
Ishman, Carmen - Independent Speech/Language Pathologist	
Kramer, Dave - Independent Teacher of the Visually Impaired	
LaMonica, JoAnne - Independent Teacher of the Deaf	
LEAP OT, PT & SLP, PLLC dba LEAP for Kids, OT, PT & SLP	

* Approved NYSED and Office of the Professions contracted providers utilized as of January 1, 2022. This list is updated throughout the year as service providers are added.