



Children are our common wealth.  
A great start for children means a  
great future for Massachusetts.

Dear Legislator,

I am writing to urge you to invest in high-quality early education and care and support early literacy in the fiscal year 2013 budget.

As an early educator I see each day how children across the state have benefited from the progress the commonwealth has made. They depend on continued support from Beacon Hill as they grow and develop.

I hope you have a framed Rising Star hanging in your office. These stars represent the promise and creativity of tomorrow's leaders.

I urge you to invest in high-quality early education and care for our young children. As you develop the state's FY13 budget, please support policies and commit resources to ensure that children have access to high-quality early education and become proficient readers by the end of third grade, a benchmark that strongly predicts their chances of success in school and beyond.

Thank you for your leadership and support for young children and families.

Sincerely,

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