

Hello VT General Assembly House Committee on Human Services,

My name is Jay Garvey and I am a faculty member at the University of Vermont. I'm writing with great concern that UVM has made the decision to close the Campus Children's School, a high-quality childcare center that has provided invaluable early childhood education and research for over 80 years. Our state has a childcare crisis, and the closing of the CCS further exacerbates the issue state-wide. Childcare should be a basic human right for all VTers, and is also important for the recruitment/retention of faculty and staff at UVM.

I ask that your committee request President Garimella and UVM Board of Trustees to reverse their decision in closing the Campus Children's School. More specifically, I ask that you require UVM to allocate some of the stimulus money (at least \$500,000 out of \$1.25 billion) to fund one year of the Campus Children's School. Such financial decisions should be made collaboratively with faculty, administrators, and other stakeholders to promote shared decision making and governance. A one-year funding of the Campus Children's School will enable the UVM community to develop a plan and reorganize childcare so that it is equity-driven and financially sustainable.

With gratitude,  
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