

Dear colleagues:

The recent announcement from Dean Thomas about the many challenges of reopening the Campus Children's School (CCS) has caused anguish in our community. We have heard from a number of people who have been directly affected, as well as those committed to childcare accessibility for our community. We appreciate the many thoughtful and constructive comments we have received.

It is no secret that the CCS has faced financial difficulties for years, but the continuing pandemic and related financial and regulatory impacts brought us to a final recognition that continuing operations is unsustainable.

Although the CCS will not reopen for the coming year, and the longtime facility in which it was located is no longer suitable given pandemic-related concerns, we will continue to work hard to find other options for members of our community. This will include the formation of a dedicated work group operating out of Human Resource Services. This group will be charged to explore alternative, possibly third-party, solutions.

Please know that we view early childhood education and care as a profoundly important issue. We understand and appreciate your concerns and will keep you informed as progress is made.

With respect, Suresh and Patty