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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL

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Dear Child Care Team members:

The Whatcom County Council would like to sincerely thank you for taking the time to share your knowledge and expertise on how Whatcom County could best use the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to improve child care affordability. County Council reviewed and discussed your answers to our questions and realized that more information and input is needed before making a final decision on a resolution.

On May 18, 2021, the County Council voted unanimously to hold the resolution in Committee and ask the Whatcom County Child and Family Wellbeing Task Force to develop recommendations for permanent solutions for childcare (see [AB2021-209](#)). The Task Force will provide input on how to use the funds to provide permanent, accessible, affordable child care for Whatcom County families and present its finding to the Council by September 30, 2021.

The feedback submitted by childcare team members was extremely valuable to recent Council discussions and was shared with the Child and Family Well-being Task Force for inclusion in the process to develop recommendations. Again, we want to thank you for your input and for all you do for the children and families in our community.

Sincerely,

Barry Buchanan, Chair
Whatcom County Council

C: Executive Satpal Sidhu
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