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County of Durham Purchasing Division
200 East Main Street
Durham, NC 27701

Child Care Services Association (CCSA) and Durham's Partnership for Children (DPFC) jointly submit this collaborative bid in response to RFP No. 18-005, Preschool Expansion Management Services. As described in this proposal, we plan to support and collaborate with Durham County, the broader early childhood community, and parents to raise the quality of preschool education for all of Durham County's 4-year old children and to increase their access to this education. Investing in high quality early childhood education has a significant return in immediate savings in costs for remedial and special education and in long term savings resulting from better educational and social outcomes.

This proposal is guided by Durham's Community Early Education Task Force's ambitious goal to ensure that 80% of all Durham 4-year olds living in households at or near poverty are enrolled in a preschool program in the county meeting at least the NC Pre-k program standards. This project's design and implementation allows for services to be phased in over a five year period.

We believe that the deep connections CCSA and DPFC have forged within the parent and early childhood communities uniquely position our team members to support this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sue Russell".

Sue Russell, President
CCSA

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laura Benson".

Laura Benson, Executive Director
DPFC