



# CHEERS School Family

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Dear Friends,

Happy autumn! On behalf our Board of Directors, please allow me to express our most sincere gratitude to those that we have served and those with whom we've had the pleasure of working at the Children First Child Development Center here in Kearneysville, WV. We are more than proud to call Jefferson County home and look forward to continuing operations at our current location for many years to come.

Accordingly, in light of the current controversy surrounding the proposed construction of the nearby Kearneysville Rockwool site, I felt it was appropriate to formally communicate with our various publics. Our board and staff wish to show our genuine understanding of the potential risks which our community faces. We can understand why our families feel passionately about these issues and remain true to our goal of maintaining the safety and well-being of our children as our number one priority.

As a daycare and child development organization, we are actively working with county stakeholders to look for family-centered workable solutions to the possible threats proposed at and around the Rockwool site. Included in these is increased and changed traffic patterns, ground water contamination, and diminished air quality. We have requested to be part of any governmental or company-based taskforce organized to bring community stakeholders together to address these concerns.

At this time, we do not intend to take a "for or against position" on the proposed site. CHEERS School Family and our facility, the Children First Child Development Center does not endorse or negate political stances or public issues such as these. Rather, we are an organization which welcomes the whole Jefferson County community in its entirety. We will remain neutral in the midst of this divide, because we have families on both sides of the issue. At our center, all are welcome and we will proudly serve all children and families regardless of their views.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

With sincere appreciation,

Tasha Demko  
Executive Director