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June 24, 2019

Dear Ms. Carlin,

Routt County along with Routt County's Early Childhood Council, First Impressions, are excited for the opportunity to implement a mobile preschool program in Routt County. We have been interested in the concept of a mobile preschool program since learning about Gus the Bus in 2015. We are writing to show our support for Right on Mobile Education (ROME) to oversee making this unique programming available for Routt County's families who possibly do not currently have access to preschool due to financial, transportation, cultural barriers, and/or the traditional preschool model is not the right approach for the individual family.

Routt County believes in the importance of access to early childhood care and education programming. We know this investment allows us to continue to leverage diverse public and private funding streams to ensure comprehensive early childhood services across our rural communities. In Routt County, the local Early Childhood Council has a record of accomplishment for bringing partners together to improve the lives of children and support a strong and stable workforce. These investments support quality early care and learning opportunities along with expanded access to both preschool and the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program.

We are currently working with ROME to facilitate collaboration with local and state partners to make the mobile preschool programming a reality for Routt County's preschoolers, which do not have access to traditional preschool settings or prefer a different approach to preschool. ROME has experience with providing quality early learning programming in a mobile setting, which includes engaging families in their child's learning.

We urge you to support ROME's proposal on behalf of Routt County's young children. Please reach out to us if you have any questions concerning this opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Stephanie Martin'.

Routt County Board of Commissioners  
Beth Melton, Chair

First Impressions of Routt County  
Stephanie Martin, Program Administrator