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To: [StateBoard_SDE](#)
Subject: Re: Fall 2020 Pre-k
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> Dear State Board:

> I hope all is well. Will you be able to assist me by directing to the best contact regarding limiting the school capacity to 392 students for the city of Stamford? Pre-K is just as critical as any other grade. It provides a foundation, exposes them to a learning environment while still learning new skills and development. My first born daughter who learned to start read in just a couple months at Stamford School of Excellence academic years was cut short due to the covid pandemic and I would be devastated if a whole year was taken from my 4 year old who is expected to attend Pre-k in the Fall. (I am a parent of 3 Irish twins) As a frustrated parent who strongly encourages and recently purchased a home based on this schooling district alone is anxious to know if this will change. SCSE has always provided a clean and strict guidelines to visitation while in session and I am more then confident that my children safety is not at harm as this is now a health crisis that we now have to adopt to a new norm to living with. Also, covid has created high unemployment rates which means it will be difficult for parents with children's the ages 4 and under to find work and afford other child care services which will result to a longer unemployment period. SCSE provides free tuition for children and peace of mind for parents who send there children to school to further there education. I am a proud parent of SCSE and already have a child who attends this school who is proof of how critical it is for a good pre-k environment for your children will not only help the kids but the entire family.

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> Sincerely,

> Karen Coquillon

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