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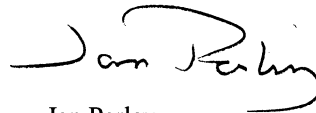
June 23, 1997

Dear City Councilors, City Manager and Mayor,

I am writing this letter to express my dismay at the apparent loss of money from the state that was to be spent for salary increases for after school teachers in the DHSP programs in Cambridge. My son has used the pre school and afterschool programs in Cambridge for three years which has allowed me, as a single parent, to work full time and support my family while having reasonable and convenient child care available after school for my child. For the most part I have found the teachers to be a dedicated and committed group of individuals who I feel comfortable will provide a safe and stimulating after school experience for my son. However, I have noted over the last year a greater turnover and lower morale in my sons program. Reading the article in the TAB causes me great concern as I consider the care of our children to be a job that should be well compensated and a priority position in our city government. Without the financial incentives of better wages I fear that the cities programs will continue to suffer problems of staff turn over and morale problems among staff.

I hope that the city will find a way to rectify the loss of salary increases that were due the teachers this year. Our children deserve to have consistent and well paid teachers in the schools and afterschool program in our city.

Respectfully,



Jan Perley
(a concerned parent)

Consent Communication #9

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Communication was received from Jan Perley, transmitting her concern regarding the loss of money from the state that was to be spent for salary increases for after-school teachers in the DHSP programs.

In City Council August 4, 1997

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