

Haines Borough Assembly,

Please reconsider Ordinance 13-12-357 and allow Chilkat Valley Preschool to stay in the Human Resource Building for one more school year.

I am a parent of one child currently attending CVP and I have another child that I had planned to attend preschool once she turns the required age of three. CVP is a wonderful educational program that is currently serving a large amount of families in this community and has produced ready-for-kindergarten children for generations!

I attended preschool in the same building and I realize that the building is not efficient or really adequate for what the preschool needs. I have been informed by members of the preschool board that they have been working on finding another building. But, this takes time! Please consider giving the preschool board, staff, and parents a little more time to locate and secure an appropriate building that can house the preschool for many more years to come.

As a resident who was born and raised in Haines, I would like to see the Borough Assembly start making some decisions that benefits individuals like me that have come home. I want to stay here with my family. What is our local government going to do to keep families like mine here? In the last few years I have had a handful of friends and their families move (Silkmans, MacNamaras, Salmons, Bentzs, and Ahmutys). These are couples with children and were important members of our community. This is just one decision that the Borough Assembly can make that shows my family and others that you want to support us. Supporting young families through decisions that effect economic development, tourism, education, and recreation are what will save Haines.

Thank you for your consideration.

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