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Good morning, Terry, Lindsay, and Mary --

We are thrilled to learn that the Harvard Schools Trust will fund the Fellowship Hall childcare program through the next three months. Thank you so very much for your most generous grant. The funding amount is significant, and we -- a collective of families, teachers, and community members -- are tremendously grateful. We also are most appreciative of your collective communication and willingness to expedite this grant request -- and at such a hectic time in a pandemic year. The scope of what this grant means to the kids and families involved is priceless. As we begin the new year, we are looking forward to documenting and sharing our day-to-day stories of the childcare program -- one of many points of pride in our amazing collective community.

Happy holidays, and thank you once again.

As always,  
Cristin

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On Feb 28, 2021, at 7:57 PM, Emily Verrochi <[everrochi@psharvard.org](mailto:everrochi@psharvard.org)> wrote:

Dear Trustees,

I just wanted to extend my sincerest thanks for your generous decision to fund the building expenses for the staff childcare option at the Fellowship hall this school year. Having just school-choiced my son into the 6th grade this year from Westminster, I was completely at a loss for where I would send him on his asynchronous days. Having the Fellowship available as a safe place for him to spend the morning has truly been a blessing for my family. When I asked Ethan what he appreciated the most about going there, he said that he had been able to make new friends that he otherwise never would have met. As the oldest child there, he looks forward to "helping the younger kids and just being able to talk with them." He indicated that Alexa and Andy help him by checking in with him when he has questions about his school work, or even if he just feels down sometimes. He looks forward to the warmer weather to enjoy the grounds again, as he loved playing hide and seek with the kids and just exploring. I asked him if he would have rather gone anywhere else this year, and his response was an emphatic, "No!"

I recognize that his experiences as a new-to-Bromfield student were made easier for him simply by being able to attend the staff childcare option. It has provided me with peace of mind every week and has made an historically challenging year less complicated.

Thank you so much for all that you do to support Harvard teachers and students,

Emily and Ethan Verrochi

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