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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to verify that the Bolinas-Stinson Union School District will be operating a full-time tuition free preschool program for 4-year olds beginning in the fall term of the 2017-2018 school year.

The preschool is located on the Stinson Beach Campus in a classroom that has been designed specifically for preschool use. All equipment and materials are new as of the summer of 2017 and were hand-selected by the District's Preschool Director/ Lead Teacher with input from the local Preschool Program Steering Committee.

The facility includes newly-constructed outdoor play areas that will exceed licensing requirements and that will provide children with state-of-the art outdoor learning spaces.

The preschool is staffed by the Director/ Lead Teacher as well as a second licensed and experienced preschool teacher so as to create a staff-to-student ratio that surpasses licensing requirements and professional guidelines.

One of the objectives a free preschool program is the seamless academic and social integration with the Kindergarten program. The preschool room is adjacent to the Kindergarten room and staff will collaborate year round to ensure the maximum level of school readiness as children begin their school experience.

The preschool is managed as a fully integrated component of the local school and enjoys the financial stability associated with deep basic aid funding and professional financial oversight and auditing services. District budget development indicates that the program will be financially stable for the foreseeable future and has clearly predicted solvency with capital reserves far exceeding state requirements for the next three years as required by law.

The Board of Trustees is understandably proud of seeing their vision for a local, free-of-charge preschool being offered to the children in this community. It will provide an outstanding social and school readiness program with a high level of stability and predictability for families in our area and may serve as a model for similar school districts in other communities.

Please contact me directly if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

John Carroll,
Superintendent, Bolinas-Stinson School District.