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Dr. Blanca Enrique, Director  
Office of Head Start  
Administration for Children and Families  
70 Infant Promenade, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20447

**RE: Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 93.600**

Dear Dr. Enrique,

I write in support of Puget Sound Educational Service District's (PSESD) application for the *Head Start and/or Early Head Start Grantee - King County, outside the city limits of Seattle; and portions of Pierce County, in the State of Washington* grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF).

PSESD is committed to serving low-income diverse youth, and their families, across Washington State. The organization is the Northwest's largest Head Start/Early Head Start provider and the state's largest provider of early education services, serving nearly 5,000 children and families. PSESD focuses on establishing sustainable systems that support quality programming, best practices and a whole child approach; and is committed to comprehensive services, educational and racial equity and the use of data driven decisions to close the opportunity gap in our region.

If awarded this grant, it is my understanding that funding will allow PSESD to continue to address changing family and community needs, ensuring that children and families receive the services they need to thrive and succeed as children transition to Kindergarten.

Thank you for your attention to this grant request. I urge you to give their application full and fair consideration, following all applicable rules and regulations. If you have questions regarding this request, please contact Shakisha Ross, Grants Coordinator, at (425) 793-5180.

Sincerely,



Adam Smith  
Member of Congress

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