

**School Board Workshop/Meeting:**

**February 12, 2018**

**Subject:**

**Little KidKare Closure**

**Presenter:**

**Kim Carlson, Director  
Community Education**

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**SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:**

Recommend approval

**DESCRIPTION:**

At the January 22, 2018 School Board meeting I recommended that the Board approve a March 30, 2018 closing date for the Little KidKare childcare program in Montrose.

I shared that it has been operating in a deficit for the past 5 ½ years and that attempts to improve the deficit were unable to generate sufficient funds without substantially having to raise fees and decrease staff salaries and benefits to cover the operating costs.

The discussion was tabled until 2/12/18 and I was directed to continue to search for potential childcare centers to take over the Little KidKare site. This would allow families currently enrolled to have continuous care and maintain a birth to five childcare program for the Montrose Community. At that meeting, we were waiting on one program that had expressed interest in leasing our Center.

I have since met with the company, Kids Grow Inc., and they have agreed to enter into a lease agreement to begin childcare at the Montrose Early Education Center beginning April 2, 2018.

In light of Kids Grow Inc.'s pending agreement, I am recommending the Board approve closing the Little KidKare childcare program in the Montrose Early Education Center on March 30, 2018.