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Making decisions that affect our families and young children is never easy. As a preschool affiliated with a college of education at a research university, we are great at curriculum design, teaching, and research. We understand deeply how to create high-quality programs and how to provide clinical experiences that benefit both teacher candidates and the children they serve. At this juncture, however, we also recognize that operating a preschool is not in our future and **effective July 28, 2017, the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College Preschool will close permanently.**

**We are committed to helping families make as smooth a transition as possible.** With the same care and concern with which we have operated our school, we will work to find a preschool option that meets the individual needs of children remaining in the preschool. To that end, we have been exploring options.

**One option will be the Community School operated in Tempe by Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center (SARCC).** SARCC's Community School is nationally recognized for providing high-quality early childhood education for typically developing children, as well as outstanding programming for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. SARCC shares our dedication to inclusive childhood education informed by research and committed to individualized instruction. A partnership with SARCC allows us to continue the things at which we excel and maintain the kind of community relationships and ASU resource connections that have made our preschool an excellent place for young children.

**Allison Mullady will be meeting with each family to support them in finding the best preschool for their children.** We are talking to other providers to see if they can secure spots for our families. Options may include other providers affiliated with ASU, as well as other high-quality preschools. We know these decisions are complex and involve cost, location and any special needs your children have. Allison will be scheduling meetings with parents impacted to discuss what options may be available.

We know this is not easy for anyone—our staff, our families, our children, or you. Thank you for being part of our caring educational community. We look forward to working with you to make a satisfactory and ultimately happy transition.

Sincerely,

  
Carole G. Basile

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