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Dear KidKare Families,

For almost thirty years, Buchanan Community Schools has provided KidKare as an additional service for families who needed before and after-school child care. This service gave families a safe space for their children and allowed the district to offer a unique assistance to families.

While we would love to continue this service for our families, the challenge we face is having enough space to run the program and provide our general and mandatory school offerings. Our first and foremost priority is to provide accessibility to all students and to remove barriers that would prevent our students from accessing spaces during our regularly scheduled hours.

After exploring options with our leaders and school board, the decision was made to eliminate the program. Without additional space in our elementary buildings, our ability to run the program is a challenge. While the decision to close KidKare was not an easy decision and other options have been explored, we needed a sustainable solution to our spacing challenges within our buildings.

Although our district will no longer offer before and after-school child care, Little Bucks Child Care, located at 324 E Dewey St. may be able to provide accommodations for you and your family. There is already a scheduled bus stop at the center. Taya or Erin will be able to help you and they can be reached at 269-409-6044.

We are grateful we were able to serve our school community and we thank you for your patience while we gathered information to make the determination regarding the future of KidKare.

Educationally yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia L. Robinson".

Patricia L. Robinson

Superintendent of Buchanan Community Schools