February 15, 2022

ATTN: Real Estate and Property Management Department
City of St. Petersburg
One 4th Street North
St. Petersburg, Florida 33701

RE: Parc Center for Disabilities Early Intervention Preschool & Children’s Outreach Services, letter of interest for development of City owned property located at 2100 18th Avenue South.

To Whom It May Concern:

Parc Center for Disabilities has been providing services to children and adults with developmental disabilities in St. Petersburg for 69 years. The main campus which was purchased from the city in 1966 sits on 7.5 acres in the Tyrone area. The original building which has provided children’s services for over 50 years is past its useful life expectancy and is a major upkeep for our organization.

For over 65 years, PARC Children’s Services has led the industry in Early Experiences Informed Care (EEIC). From our inception in 1953 PARC has always recognized the critical importance of meaningful and loving one-on-one interactions with the children we serve. PARC Children’s Services is renowned for three distinct EEIC programs: Discovery Learning Center (DLC) Preschool; Family Focus Early Intervention Services, and Respite Caregiver Relief Services. Delivered by our highly trained team of Early Experiences Informed childcare and intervention professionals, PARC Children’s Services is Pinellas County’s hub of expertise for early learning opportunities, family support, individualized therapies, and school readiness education.

We are seeking an alternative location for this component of Parc’s programs that impacts several hundred families in our city.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide this letter of interest and communicate this critical need to continue the vital service Parc provides to the children and families in our community. Please contact me with any questions, comments, or suggestions.

Sincerely,

Michelle Detweiler
President & CEO
Parc - Discovery Learning Center & Children’s Services

Licensed for 163 children
(13) Classrooms from infant through pre-K/VPK
Full capacity 143 children

**Most children served live within the 300% or less federal poverty level.**

Overall required size of new DLC facility to accommodate 143 children is 21,000SF.

Classroom breakdown:
- (4) infant classrooms (525SF each)
- (2) toddler classrooms (525SF each)
- (2) two-year-old classrooms (525SF each)
- (2) three-year-old classrooms (650SF each)
- (2) four-year-old Pre-K/VPK classrooms (750SF each)
- (1) spare use classroom

**Children’s Services:**
Non-behavioral Therapy area with office and (3) one-on-one classrooms
Family Focus Program - outreach
Respite Program - outreach
Kitchen
Multi-Purpose room
Art/Music/Library space
Offices/nurses areas
Lobby/reception area
Public bathrooms
Conference room
Utility closets (janitors, laundry, data, storage)

Outdoor Playground space

Parking, loading area, receiving area

2-acre minimum site