

Theme: Teacher

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Dear Editor,

As a teacher (insert specific information), I know firsthand the importance of early education and why it is so important to invest in the First 2,000 Days of a child's life.

The students who benefit from quality early education are less likely to get behind once they enter school. Children coming from high quality care also have far fewer disruptions in class – meaning teachers are able to teach and students are more able to learn. [INSERT YOUR SPECIFIC EXAMPLES]

Research shows that much of what you need to succeed in life is established during the First 2,000 Days of life — before children enter kindergarten. During this time, ninety-percent of the brain is developed. This is a time when a child builds cognitive skills — the foundation for reading, math, science and academics — as well as character skills, social-emotional growth, gross-motor skills and executive functioning or soft skills, which includes everything from impulse control to problem solving.

Future academic learning is a large benefit of early education. Children who attend high quality early childhood programs demonstrate higher levels of school achievement and better social adjustment than those who have no formal early education. They are less likely to repeat a grade or be placed in special education classes because learning issues can be identified and mediated early.

The First 2,000 Days is a campaign locally led by The Partnership for Children of the Foothills. The goal of this campaign is to bring awareness to the impact the First 2,000 Days of a child's life has on our economic future, public safety and national security.

Sincerely,