



MEMORANDUM

November 9, 2013

TO: Members of the Student Assembly
FROM: Tremayne T. Price, President
SUBJECT: Support for SUNY Child Care Centers

Action Requested

The proposed resolution calls on the State University of New York system administration to advocate for increasing the support for SUNY child care centers and financial support available to student parents throughout the SUNY system.

Resolution

I recommend that the Student Assembly adopt the following resolution:

Whereas the Student Assembly (SA) of the State University of New York (SUNY) is the single recognized voice for over 465,000 students in the SUNY system; and

Whereas the mission of the SUNY Student Assembly is to empower students to seek continued access to quality, affordable higher education; and

Whereas SUNY child care centers provide quality care for over 5,000 children at 55 centers, with twenty of these centers being located on state-operated campuses and thirty-three at the community colleges, across the state; and

Whereas of the 5,000 children served, approximately one-third are children of student parents; and

Whereas SUNY child care centers perform a vital service for the campus and community in providing care for children of students; and

Whereas New York State provides funding for SUNY childcare centers through the Child Care & Development Block Grant which provides tuition subsidies for over 1,500 children of income-eligible students; and

Whereas the Child Care & Development Block Grant has been reduced by nearly \$900,000 for community colleges and \$800,000 for state-operated campuses over the course of the past five years making it more difficult for student parents to receive access to child care services; and

Whereas research about campus child care shows that graduation rates, retention, persistence and success of student parents receiving campus child care are higher than their counterparts and is a critical to their decision to enroll in college; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that in order to continue to support the success of SUNY students, the Student Assembly urges SUNY System Administration and all necessary parties to advocate for an increase to the financial support made available to student parents for child care; and, be it further

Resolved that the Student Assembly urges all SUNY campus administrations with child care centers to continue to ensure that student parents are made aware of the child care services that are available to them as well as the available financial support; and, be it finally

Resolved that copies of this resolutions be distributed widely, including, but not limited to, the SUNY Board of Trustees, SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher, University Faculty Senate, Faculty Council of Community Colleges, SUNY Campus Presidents, and SUNY Student Government Associations.