September 23, 2015

Dear Patty Jischke Early Care and Education Center Families:

In February 2015, Purdue began the process to evaluate and select the partner that is the most capable of delivering the highest quality child care and early education to Purdue families. Given the development of a new child care center that is set to open in August 2016, it was critical that Purdue’s chosen child care partner have the capacity to operate a multiple-site program and the ability to fully integrate into the university community.

Today, I am pleased to announce Purdue’s partnership with Children’s Creative Learning Center (CCLC). CCLC is affiliated with Knowledge Universe, the country’s largest private provider of early childhood education and care. CCLC has a deep history of providing quality, early childhood education and care for children as well as competitive wages and benefits for staff - leading to increased retention and high, consistent quality for families. CCLC has a proven track record of integrating with higher education institutions and developing a program that is built on the institution’s culture and unique needs.

Bright Horizons has ably served the University community for 2 years and we greatly appreciate their service to our families. We met with them this morning to inform them of our selection and to begin transition discussions. Our priority through the transition period is to maintain the daily operations of the center and minimize any disruptions for your child(ren). We will continue to work with both Bright Horizons and CCLC to determine the appropriate timing for transitioning operations of the center. Families will receive weekly newsletter updates from Purdue and CCLC beginning on October 2.

In addition, CCLC will host family meetings beginning on Thursday, September 24. This will be an opportunity for families to meet CCLC and ask questions. Details of all meetings, times and locations are attached. CCLC will be available on-campus at the Village Community Center as well as by phone at 765-430-1333 or email PurdueKids@cclc.com.

Purdue recognizes that the Jischke Center’s educators and staff are a critical part of your child(ren)’s continuity of care and development. It is vitally important to me that the center’s staff feel fully supported by CCLC during this transition. CCLC is providing several opportunities over the next week for the staff to meet with them and answer their questions about the transition. Bright Horizons will be notifying the educators of the transition as they leave for the day. Please keep this information confidential to allow the educators to focus on the children.

Purdue understands that providing high-quality child care is vital to the quality of life for our faculty, staff and students. We believe that CCLC shares this principle and look forward to our new partnership with them. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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