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**TO:** Joint Finance Committee

**FROM:** Dave Edie, Early Education Policy Analyst

**RE:** **Paper #631 – Support Alternatives A1 and B1**

The Wisconsin Council on Children and Families supports Alternatives A1 and B1 in budget paper #631 on 4-year-old Kindergarten grants.

Four-year-old kindergarten (4K) provides strong early learning experiences to young children. Research shows that well-designed pre-kindergarten programs improve student achievement. Delivering 4K through community partnerships offers greater options to parents, strengthens community-based early care and education programs, and provides opportunities for inclusive settings for children with disabilities.

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