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Mr. Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members:

I write to express my support for the budget increase the Campagna Kids Program is requesting. I hope that all of you recognize that afterschool programs are vital to raising good citizens of this country, and of Alexandria. The Campagna Kids program is a vital part to that. My daughter, Erin (8) attends William Ramsey Elm. and the afterschool program there. At this program, there is a certified teacher on staff to

assist her with her homework, and answer questions, she attends the book buddies program, and is learning about other cultures, learning spanish, creating their own clubs and learning to communicate with her peers. They offer a quiet place for her to do her homework. They do art, craft and science projects as well.

The Campagna Kids program is more than just a spot for working parents such as my husband and I to leave our kids, it contributes to her education, her well being and her overall quality of life.

**Comments:**

The summer program is even more important to us - it allows her to continue the education process through the summer, so things are not lost while on break. They take the kids on field trips to museums and other fun places. We are not afforded the luxury of being able to take the summer off of work, so we depend upon this program to help us out.

Please consider the \$133,146 that the Campagna Kids Program needs to continue these vital programs for our children. It is a small investment for the future of our country.

I appreciate the supplemental amount that the City provides for this program. And although paying the full amount on the sliding scale can be burdensome at times, it is still well worth it, and a great value to know she is in a safe and learning environment.

Thank you for considering this request,  
Nancy Barone  
taxpayer, voter and fellow citizen.