

As a single parent, I have to coordinate many priorities and plan in advance to keep a job while getting my child to school and enrichment. I have to consider commutes, before- and after-care, and cultural and programmatic fit for our family.

Reforms should focus on access, equity, and trust.

We need stronger outreach to preschool families, with counseling support to help them choose the right fit. The School Finder tool should be clearer and more accessible, especially for multilingual families.

Equity must account for transportation, schedules, and access to programs, particularly in high-need neighborhoods. We also need greater predictability and earlier assignment timelines, along with intentional outreach and stronger promotion of our many excellent and unique programs to middle and high school students to retain families.