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Subject: purposed changes to 3270
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Attached is a letter of my concern for the changes to 3270.
Please forward to the important person I need to touch.

Best Regards,
Carol

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Bureau of Certification;

I am writing in response to the new regulations being purposed for Chapter 3270.. I am very concerned centers are being forced to participate in the Keystone Stars. I have been in business for 13 years and have very good feedback from parents and school districts that our children are more than ready to enter Kindergarten. I've seen Keystone star center children and families not pass the Kindergarten registration at a keystone star 4 center. The child came to my center and was ready in 2 and ½ months. There are several methods of teaching and all children learn differently. Why are we being forced into this program that has not been proven to work? The smaller centers are going to be forced out of business and all the non-profits are benefiting greatly. The program inspectors should be going into these centers unannounced as well. When the visit is announced they go crazy getting ready, as soon as those inspectors leave it's unorganized and a free for all again. This is not fair to the centers that put a lot of time and heart into what we love to do. I really understand following state regulations but to be forced to join a program that is a cookie cutter for all is not fair, I don't feel it's fair to children, families or educators. This is labeled under the annual unannounced inspection. It states the inspection will inform child care providers of the Keystone Star program. I recently had a family tell us, I'm sorry I cannot attend your center because you are not a Star 2 center or above. This came from a county office. This is discrimination to me since I follow all state regulations. I am really concerned of where our education for early childhood is heading.

Best Regards,

Carol Masten
Executive Director