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Sent: Friday, August 29, 2025 9:06 AM
To: Mayor; Katjana Ballantyne
Cc: City Clerk Contact; Nancy Bacci; Lucy Barrows; Public Comments
Subject: Children, Families, and Educators at Risk – Request for City Intervention
Attachments: Letter to Mayor Ballantyne.pdf

Dear Mayor Ballantyne,

Attached, you will find a letter outlining the urgent safety concerns we are facing outside of the Davis Square KinderCare. The daily presence of open drug use and threatening behavior has created an unsafe environment for our children, families, and staff.

I am reaching out to understand what steps the City can take to address these issues and restore safety to our community as soon as possible.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,
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Dear Mayor Ballantyne,

I am writing to you with urgency and deep concern regarding the ongoing situation outside of the Davis Square KinderCare. The safety and well-being of the children, families, and staff in our community are being directly threatened by the open drug use and dangerous behavior taking place daily just outside our center's doors.

Each day, children and families on their way to school are forced to witness individuals openly using drugs in public view. Teachers — whose focus should be on providing a safe and nurturing environment for young learners — are instead being harassed while at work and even followed as they leave the center to return home. Multiple educators have reported being trailed by individuals from the encampment, creating an atmosphere of fear and anxiety that no employee should have to endure in their workplace.

This situation does not make for a safe learning environment, nor does it reflect the standards that the City of Somerville should uphold for its residents. Families entrust us with their children's early education and care, but the reality outside our doors is undermining that trust and placing children, parents, and educators at unacceptable risk.

I implore you to take immediate and decisive action to address this crisis. What steps is the city prepared to take to ensure that Davis Square KinderCare — and the surrounding community — are safe for our most vulnerable citizens? We need real solutions that provide safety for our families, children, and staff.

Our children deserve to learn in an environment free from fear. Our families deserve peace of mind when dropping off their loved ones. Our educators deserve to come to work without fearing for their safety. I respectfully ask for your leadership and a clear plan of action to restore safety and dignity to our community.

I look forward to your response and to understanding the concrete measures the City of Somerville will implement to protect our children, families, and educators.

Sincerely,
Lindsay Macasay
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