



"The first five years have so much to do with how the next 80 turn out." –Bill Gates, Sr.



Hello friends and families,

As board president, I am proud to say that Seacoast Community School is the premier school for quality early learning in the seacoast. My daughter attended Seacoast Community School for 4 years and is now thriving in 2nd grade. I attribute this to the excellent teachers and quality of care she received at SCS. In 2017, the school will *celebrate 50 years* of serving *all* children in the seacoast with quality early learning and before & after school programs. Not only do we have a professional, dedicated staff, but also great leaders who are helping to sustain our school and its quality programs for decades to come.

Our story is about the privilege of caring for children. It is about genuine love and compassion for children and the sanctity of childhood. It is about working with families and the community to support children and meet their complex needs physically, socially, emotionally, cognitively, and developmentally. Our story is best told through the words of our families and dedicated staff.

"I am so impressed by how much my kids learn at SCS. Rotating units, always learning something new, and the teachers take a proactive role in informing me of the milestones that my kids have reached, so I can further work on those things at home." – *Deb McNeilly, Portsmouth*

"Seacoast Community School is a wonderful organization. The teachers cared and went way beyond their job descriptions each day. The physical facility is beyond anything I could imagine in the Seacoast. The teachers have great routines and structure from washing hands, signing in, storytelling, growing vegetables in the garden, and more. I highly recommend the school to all families." – *Paul Whitcomb, Portsmouth*

"The tuition scholarships I receive from Seacoast Community School have been a big help. I had been barely making it. I am a single father and that little bit of support helps me to achieve some other goals for my household. Seacoast Community School considers the child's best interest. It is not their job to go the extra mile, but they do and that has made a world of difference." – *Kindergarten Program Parent*

"In June during preschool observations, we did assessments and learned that Jane, age 3, was significantly delayed. I talked with Jane's mom and she agreed to bring her to the public school department's Special Needs staff for further assessment. I explained how critical it was for Jane to continue learning at the pace of her peers. Jane began receiving targeted supports in September for her preschool years [here at SCS]. By kindergarten, Jane will be able to meet the level of her peers' learning because this early intervention is in place." – *Deborah Stokel, Co-Executive Director*

For every \$1 invested in quality early learning, there is a \$17 return on investment to society. Doesn't every child deserve this great start in life? Please contribute to our Annual Appeal today. Your support allows us to provide access to all families and attract and retain the best teachers – the heart of our school. By investing in our children, we are investing in the wellness of the seacoast community.

Sincerely,

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