



# EARLY LEARNING COUNCIL

## MEMORANDUM

To : Members of the Early Learning Council

From : Remy Watts, Early Learning Council Administrator

Date : 1/26/2022

RE : Summary of Public Testimony for January 26, 2022

The Early Learning Council received 26 pieces of written public testimony in advance of the January 26, 2022 meeting. Copies of the written submissions are available via the [Early Learning Division website](#) (housed in Google Drive).

- Sprinkler system requirements are burdensome, and providers are unable to open up new facilities.
- Providers do not agree with waking children up during nap time for fire drills, citing sleep disruption, impaired development, and possible psychological trauma.
- Additional requirements around fire drills, including additional documentation, are uncompensated for, expensive, and burdensome.
- Providers think presence of ELD-OCC staff during fire drills are unnecessary and traumatizing for children.
- Providers are concerned that health and safety guidelines in COVID-19 are disproportionately strict compared to school districts, which inhibit their ability to run continuous child care.
- The ELD must distribute rapid COVID-19 tests to all providers across the state.

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