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CONSORTIAL PARTNERSHIPS IN SUPPORT OF INNOVATION GRANT RECEIVED FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN INTERNATIONAL EARLY YEARS EDUCATION

Dear BCS Community,

We would like to share some very exciting news with you. We have been awarded a Strategic Partnership for School Education grant in the amount of €277,165 from the European Commission via Erasmus Plus. This three-year grant will allow us to further our ongoing research and development of our early years' curriculum in regard to language acquisition and its effects on the social and emotional development of children, specifically during the bonding/settling in period. The findings and material produced as a result of the research will have a significant impact on the development of international early years' programs within Europe and conceivably around the world.

As part of our grant, we have engaged with international partners throughout Europe to assist us with our research. We will be working with the following institutions:

University of Madrid's Teaching and Learning Center – Madrid, Spain Pickler Ház / The Pickler Institute – Budapest, Hungary International Childcare and Education Centre International Play School – Helsinki, Finland

Over the next week, November 29th – December 1st, some of the research partners will visit us to participate in our official "kick off" meeting.

We have collected teachers' letters of interest, completed teacher interviews, and have assembled an internal research team whose contractual agreements are being established and reviewed during this time.

The BCS Kindergarten and Preschool parent representatives will receive detailed information about this at the next class parent representatives meeting on November 28th and will be able to be a first point of contact should parents have any questions.

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We would like to share our excitement about this incredible opportunity with you and thank you for your ongoing partnership and support. We look forward to this amazing journey ahead.

Sincerely,

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