NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

May 20, 2025 City of West Chicago 475 Main Street West Chicago, IL 60185 630-293-2200

On or about May 30, 2025 the City of West Chicago will authorize the grant recipient, Educare West DuPage (EWD), to submit a request to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Project Funding funds under Grant Agreement No. B-24-CP-IL-0836 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024 to undertake a project known as EWD's Facility Enhanced Safety and Efficiency Upgrades Project for the purpose of installing safety and efficiency upgrades at their existing school facility, located at 851 Pearl Road in West Chicago, that meet Illinois Department of Children and Family Services regulations and requirements and to allow for lower overhead costs.

The activities proposed, including updated lighting, brick paver replacement, and other safety enhancements, are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at *475 Main Street, West Chicago, IL 60185* and at *851 Pearl Road, West Chicago, IL 60185* and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M. to 4 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the *City of West Chicago* office at *475 Main Street*, *West Chicago*, *IL 60185*. All comments received by *4:00 PM on May 28, 2025* will be considered by the *City of West Chicago* prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The *City of West Chicago* certifies to *HUD* that *Michael Guttman* in *his* capacity as *City Administrator* consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. *HUD's* approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the grant recipient, *Educare West DuPage*, to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of West Chicago's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of West Chicago; (b) the City of West Chicago has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient, Educare West DuPage, or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – Chicago Field Office, Donald. G Kathan, Director, Community Planning and Development at: CPDRROFCHI@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Michael Guttman, City Administrator