



# CELEBRATING OUR FIRST YEAR

2015-2016

## CALIFORNIA'S FIRST MODEL EARLY LEARNING SCHOOL OPENS

Through the generosity of partners and funders, Educare wraps up a multi-million dollar capital campaign, finishes construction on the 28,000 sq. ft. building, and opens its doors on September 3, 2015.



## COMMUNITY AND PARTNERS CELEBRATE AT RIBBON CUTTING

Along with over 400 partners, funders, elected officials, and community members, Educare celebrates its opening with an official ribbon cutting event on October 16, 2015.



## EDUCARE SERVES OVER 600 CHILDREN & THEIR FAMILIES

Educare serves over 600 children and their families through 12 high-quality early learning classrooms, Family Resource Center, library, museum, and other services. Educare provides positive parenting classes, connections to social services, and develops the social-emotional skills kids need to be kindergarten-ready.



## HIGHEST QRIS RATING SCORE

Educare receives a site score of 5, the highest possible rating on the Quality Rating and Improvement System, which assesses the quality of early learning initiatives. This signifies Educare's excellence in teaching, environment, and child development.



## "TEACHING HOSPITAL" MODEL

Hundreds of local, regional, state, national, and international early educators have visited Educare to observe best practices and receive professional development services to build capacity in their own communities.



## BLENDED FUNDING MODEL PROVIDES SUSTAINABILITY

Educare directly raises and manages \$2.5 million in administrative and operating funds, while our public and private partners directly fund or provide in-kind donations for the remaining \$4.5 million needed to operate our school. This blended model allows us to have the impact of a \$7 million organization without the administrative burden.



## POLICY

Educare advocates for policies that will improve early childhood education at the local, state, and national levels. A few of our noteworthy policy efforts this year:

- Signed a joint federal **Every Student Success Act (ESSA)** letter recommending effective ways to promote early education. This received national recognition.
- Educare presents at the **"Improving Quality in California's Early Childhood Education System"** conference hosted by Policy Analysis for California Education and Early Edge California.
- Supported **AB 2368** to improve high quality early learning, childcare and development services in Santa Clara County.

## EDUCARE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

- Educare is honored to have been featured in several highly esteemed local and national media outlets, including **The Mercury News, Marketplace, The Atlantic, National Journal,** and many others.
- Educare is named an **Atlantic Media Renewal Award finalist,** placing it among the top 25 organizations in the nation identified as innovators improving their communities.

Educare is made possible through a collaboration of public and private partnerships. See the full list at [educaresv.org](http://educaresv.org)

### Board Members:

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