



Dear Friends, Colleagues, & Community Partners,

With mixed emotions and 33 years of service to Seattle communities, I am announcing my decision to retire and pursue my lifelong passions of creating art, traveling, and enjoying the outdoors. Though my last official day is October 31st, 2021, my last day of work is Friday, October 29th, my 60th birthday.

Over the years I've been fortunate to meet and work with so many amazing people. I am especially honored and proud to support the work of Sound Child Care Solutions' (SCCS) Center Directors as a Board Member and then the Executive Director. I appreciate our joint commitment to racial equity, culturally relevant education, and living our organizational values including, Social Justice, Intentional Practice, Shared Accountability, and Joyful Work. I am also honored and thankful for the guidance from the SCCS Board of Directors, especially as we create new strategic goals and survive the pandemic.

I've long believed in education's importance for creating change, and as I leave SCCS, I am even more convinced of the role early childhood education can play in creating a just society. I look forward to further advances in the field of early learning, and witnessing SCCS' continued growth and success.

With Appreciation,

Judy

*Judy Summerfield, Executive Director
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