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Dear Ellen,

Thank you again for taking the time to get to know our son (Camden Moolani) and family, and for considering Camden's application for nursery school next year. We assure you that Temple Emanu-El is unequivocally our first choice amongst the schools we visited, and should Camden be offered a spot, we would absolutely accept.

When we began this process our goal was to find a school that provided both a great community for our family to be a part of and a positive environment where Camden would excel in the years ahead. Although we have been impressed by the wonderful qualities provided by the other schools in the area, it is clear to us that no school is a better match for our son and our family than Temple Emanu-El Nursery School.

In 2013 when we moved from Los Angeles to New York City, we were told that the Temple Emanu-El community would be incredibly welcoming to our family. That statement couldn’t ring more true. Between the classes we have taken with our kids (Baby Bop and the Parent & Child Group) and the numerous events we’ve attended as a family (Tot Shabbat, High Holidays, Volunteering, etc.), we have felt at home. Since becoming members, we have been welcomed with open arms by Rabbi Ehrlich and Rabbi Zeidman (prior to his move), as well as the teachers (Hadar Orshalimy and Juliet Cooper). Each of these individuals (sometimes unbeknownst to themselves) has played a key role in shaping the development of both of our boys, to-date. The Temple community has become a key part of our weekly routine and has been a positive influence on our family and our children.

We strongly believe that the right learning environment has the potential for positively influencing all areas of Camden’s development: physical, social /emotional, and cognitive. Since preschool is a time for adjustment, we believe Camden will thrive in a classroom that promotes and reinforces the learning experience through a wide range of hands-on activities. Through the time we’ve spent getting to know the school, it is clear to us that Temple Emanu-El Nursery School is a secure and exciting place for Camden to expand his imagination and gain confidence in his abilities. We believe that the classroom environment you have built, filled with cooperative play, art, music and literature will help Camden to develop his abilities to create, ask questions, problem solve, express himself and learn to work well with others.

A few weeks ago on Camden’s playdate, we saw exactly why the school was the perfect fit for him. His familiarity with the school and the surroundings coupled with the fun, play-based, interactive classroom environment clearly resonated with him as he was keen to quickly jump in and get the activities started. Although only a 20-minute snapshot, it was enough to show us his extreme comfort level in this environment, which further reiterated for us that this is the right school for him.

In summary, your community of children, teachers and families appeal to us tremendously. Your philosophies on learning and your values closely match those of our family. We hope that you will look closely at Camden's application for next year's nursery school class. Should he be lucky enough to be offered a spot, we assure you that we would accept. Further, we would do everything we could to support both our son’s and the school's success in every possible way. Thank you again for your time and consideration. We look forward to hearing from you in March.

Warm regards,

Karim & Dana Moolani