LOCAL PRESCHOOL CONCERNED ABOUT IMPACT OF FEDERAL BUDGET CUTS AND SEQUESTRATION ON PARENTS AND CHILDREN
- Nearly Half of Parents Feel Their Jobs May Be At Risk -

Fairfax County, Virginia – Nearly half of parents with children enrolled in Hopkins House’s preschool academies feel that they will be negatively impacted by federal budget cuts and sequestration.

In a survey conducted this week, Hopkins House found that 59% of its preschool parents are military, or federal employees or contractors; and that 41% of them believe that their jobs may be negatively affected by federal budget cuts and sequestration.

“This is extremely concerning for us,” said Hopkins House President, J. Glenn Hopkins. “The loss of a job, furlough, or pay cut could very well be the difference between a family’s ability to afford preschool for their child or not. It is the children who will also suffer if this should happen.”

Hopkins House is considering its options, including fundraising, to help these families in the event the need arises.

Combined:
31.6% of all Hopkins House preschool academy parents are military, or federal employees or contractors.
21.8% of parents feel that their jobs will be negatively affected by the looming federal budget cuts (23.9% are unsure).

McNeil Preschool Academy (Fairfax County):
37.3% of McNeil preschool academy parents are military, federal employees, or contractors.
26.9% of parents feel that their jobs will be negatively affected by the looming federal budget cuts (25.4% are unsure).

Helen Day Preschool Academy (City of Alexandria):
43.0% of Helen Day preschool academy parents are military, federal employees or contractors.
19.0% of parents feel that their jobs will be negatively affected by the looming federal budget cuts (23.1% are unsure).

Founded in 1939, Hopkins House is a nonprofit child and family learning center. With locations in Alexandria, Fairfax County, and Arlington County, the organization operates two nationally accredited and Virginia star-rated preschool academies, and a college program in partnership with Northern Virginia Community College. The organization currently serves over 300 individuals yearly.

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