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### **Googols of Learning announces both directors graduate with M.Ed. degrees in Early Childhood Education**

**Lawrence, KS:** Today, Googols of Learning announced that Amy Gottschamer, Executive Director, and Shanna Todd, Administrative Director have both graduated from Champlain College of Burlington, VT, having been awarded Masters' degrees in Early Childhood Education with a specialization in Administration. After two-and-a-half years studying early childhood curriculum, theory, environment, special needs, community & family, observation & documentation, and qualitative research; and taking courses in human resource, finance, leadership, and mentoring, they were granted their M.Ed. degrees.

**"This was about taking Googols of Learning to the highest level we can. Post-graduate higher education gave us the tools and information we needed to really 'set the standard in early childhood education' in Lawrence,"** said Amy Gottschamer, Executive Director. **"We want to model the importance of formal higher education to our staff and demonstrate to parents that we try to instill a life-long love of learning in their children by creating that culture in our school."**

**"I believe that by having two directors with M.Ed. degrees in Early Childhood, Googols of Learning can implement a program of the highest quality, demonstrate what early childhood education professionals look like, and offer a unique experience to the families of young children in Lawrence, KS,"** said Shanna Todd.

Googols has been open 10 years this June and completion of these degrees is the next step in their vision. Ultimately, they are working towards becoming a NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) accredited center in Lawrence to mark them a high-quality early education option for families in Lawrence.

**About Googols of Learning:** Googols of Learning is a full-time childcare center and preschool licensed by the state to care for and educate up to 128 children between 1-yr. and 5-yrs.-old and located in Lawrence, KS. They offer full day toddler and twos care and full and part-time preschool. They are dedicated to serving the needs of young children by providing a high-quality early childhood program within a safe, nurturing environment. Using developmentally appropriate educational experiences for young children and aligning their curriculum with research-based early learning standards; the Googols staff will encourage the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development of each child served, ensuring they will be ready for kindergarten and beyond.