Founder's Statement

Inspired by my work as a local special education teacher, I founded The Learning Lounge to address the academic gaps I've seen many students in our community face. Our schools work hard to meet diverse needs, but the pace and structure of traditional classrooms can make it difficult for some learners to fully thrive, especially those with specific learning challenges.

The Learning Lounge was created not to replace schools, but to strengthen and support what happens inside them. The vision is to provide a safe, welcoming environment where students can build foundational skills in reading, math, writing, life skills, and emotional regulation, while also exploring their individual interests in areas such as the arts, music, crafting, technology, and more. By connecting core academic skills to each child's personal interests, the goal is to spark curiosity, confidence, and a sense of purpose that can guide them toward lifelong success and meaningful future opportunities.

The Lounge is designed to support families as well as students. While children participate in sessions, parents will have access to a dedicated workspace with internet, printing resources, and tools to help them stay productive. The space will also offer support for navigating school communication, completing applications, and accessing resources that can sometimes feel overwhelming without reliable technology or assistance. Younger siblings will be welcomed in a supervised play area so families can truly benefit from the space together.

Beyond after-school learning, the Lounge will serve as a flexible community resource, hosting parent workshops, providing meeting space for local organizations, and offering daytime workspaces for homeschool families or remote professionals. These offerings are meant to ensure the Lounge grows into a true community hub, shaped by the people it serves.

This initiative was born from listening, observing, and caring deeply about the future of our children and families. As the Learning Lounge continues to develop, community feedback remains essential. I invite you to share your voice, ideas, and support as we work together to build something meaningful for our community's future.

-Miranda Boltin Wright