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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to voice my support for our local School Success Program. The relationship that has developed between the School Success staff and our students, teaching staff, and administrators is invaluable.

For the last 20 years, we have partnered with the Northeast Michigan Community Services Agency (NEMCSA) to provide School Success Liaisons throughout our district's elementary and secondary schools. Our students have greatly benefited from this partnership.

The School Success Program assists us in our dropout prevention efforts. Liaisons collaborate with our staff to identify students at-risk of dropping out early and assist with home-school communication, building home-school relationships and helping to identify and engage community resources.

Over the years, our School Success Liaisons have become an indispensable component of our overall intervention efforts for improving student attendance, intervening with students in crisis, diffusing and retraining behavior patterns and supporting academic achievement in every school where they work.

A key indicator of the value our staff places on the School Success Program has been evident over the past few years. Our district has suffered from budget cuts due to declining enrollment and the various economic struggles that are so common in Michigan. However, throughout the difficult decision-making processes that we've undertaken over these difficult years, keeping the School Success Program actively serving our students has remained a high priority.

Should you desire further information, feel free to contact me. You can also contact the Director of the School Success Program, Mrs. Dorothy Pintar, at 989-358-5006 or via e-mail at pintard@nemcsa.org.

Sincerely,

Brent Holcomb
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