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To Whom It May Concern;

On behalf of the Suburban Ramsey Family Collaborative (SRFC) partners and SRFC Joint Powers Board, we back the legislative H.F Bill No. 1083 to support improved mental health in schools for students and teachers/staff by funding a Comprehensive School Mental Health Services Leads. This bill would employ two leads to support schools in addressing the mental health needs of students, teachers, and school staff while developing a comprehensive school mental health system in school districts and charter schools. One lead would address the mental health needs of students and the other lead would address the mental health needs of teachers and other school staff so as not to perpetuate secondary trauma.

Some of the components of the bill that we believe would have important impact in schools include:

- Support for schools to build and/or improve a comprehensive, integrated and coordinated approach to both suicide prevention and mental health intervention and wellness promotion.
- The Information Clearinghouse to share model policies, written publications, best practices and other resources for mental health education as well as a compendium of supportive resources for school staff health and wellness.
- Alignment across the state departments and other state-sponsored agencies to increase resource and information flow to mental health supports and to decrease bureaucratic barriers of access.

Thank you for supporting this critical bill.

In partnership,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Sue Hansen".

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*If you'd like to know more about SRFC, check out our website @ www.HowAreTheChildren.org
If you'd like to get on SRFC's List Serv, contact Mary Sue Hansen@ MarySue.hansen@isd623.org*

SRFC has been compiling a List of Basic Need Resources & Jobs/Training Opportunities for Youth. We are updating these **GOOGLE DOCS on a daily basis as we meet with our partners and learn of any new resources.**

- **The fastest way to access the directories is on the FRONT PAGE of the SRFC website: Go to:**
<https://www.howarethechildren.org/>
- **For the SRFC BASIC NEEDS RESOURCE DIRECTORY Go to:**
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1I22NCqIUwa5PhDNX9Pjuv1BfahSemETtLYNI1_HSFQ/edit?usp=sharing
- **For the YOUTH JOBS AND TRAINING DIRECTORY Go o:**
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