Lulda Public Schools

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Superintendent

Independent School District No. 505

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February 12, 2021

Greater MN Family Services,

I have worked with your agency for the past 13 years and I am very pleased with our partnership. With our rural declining enrollment comes less funding for counselors and administrators. Our district of 360 students is now at 2 administrators and a .5 counselor. Our families are at risk and those with mental health issues are on the rise. COVID has added to my concerns for our children in all grade levels with the restrictions to their usual freedoms and customs. Without this partnership we would be in a very tough spot and our students would fail to thrive. Good luck and best wishes as you visit with our legislators regarding continued funding assistance, which in turn keeps our contributions to the agency at an affordable rate.

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Westbrook Walnut Grove School ISD 2898



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Mission Statement:

The mission of the Westbrook Walnut Grove Schools is to educate all students to their fullest potential, and to prepare them to be successful in their careers and active in their communities.

Vision Statement:

Westbrook Walnut Grove – An innovative school district that inspires excellence in academics, activities, relationships, and character.

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Greater MN Family Services,

I have worked with your agency for the past 13 years and I am very pleased with our partnership. With our rural declining enrollment comes less funding for counselors and administrators. Our district of 400 students is now at 2.4 administrators and a .5 counselor. Our families are at risk and those with mental health issues are on the rise. COVID has added to my concerns for our children in all grade levels with the restrictions to their usual freedoms and customs. Without this partnership we would be in a very tough spot and our students would fail to thrive. Good luck and best wishes as you visit with our legislators regarding continued funding assistance, which in turn keeps our contributions to the agency at an affordable rate.

Sincerely,

Joycolles Loy Woelber, Superintendent



From the Office of the Superintendent of Schools | Jeremy Williams

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February 15, 2021

To Whom it May Concern,

On behalf of Marshall Public Schools, we offer our support of Greater Minnesota Family Services (GMFS) application for the State's School Linked Mental Health Grant application. The District is in its eleventh year with Greater Minnesota and very much appreciates the ongoing relationship we have with them and the variety and quality of services they provide for our students.

Through our partnership with GMFS, Marshall Public Schools students are afforded high-quality, school-based, clinical mental health services on site. Students who exhibit mental health issues are able to receive year-round individual, family and group treatment to address barriers to academic and social successes, develop skills, self-management and coping strategies. GMFS staff advocate for the needs of individual students both within and outside the school setting.

We totally support mental health services provided to Marshall Public Schools students by therapists and counselors funded through Greater Minnesota Families Services. We are fully committed to our ongoing agreements with GMFS and support their efforts by providing appropriate referrals, scheduling assistance, office space and furnishings and authorizing the counselors to provide mental health education in our schools.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or would need further information.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Williams Superintendent

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Greater MN Family Services,

I have worked with your agency for the past 13 years and I am very pleased with our partnership. With our rural declining enrollment comes less funding for counselors and administrators. Our district of 140 students is now at 1.2 administrators and a .2 counselor. Our families are at risk and those with mental health issues are on the rise. COVID has added to my concerns for our children in all grade levels with the restrictions to their usual freedoms and customs. Without this partnership we would be in a very tough spot and our students would fail to thrive. Good luck and best wishes as you visit with our legislators regarding continued funding assistance, which in turn keeps our contributions to the agency at an affordable rate.

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Loy Woelber, Superintendent

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From:

Sent:

Monday, February 15, 2021 7:59 AM

To:

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Subject:

SUPPORT for SLMH

Tio All Who Care about children's mental health:

I have been a school leader since before School Linked Mental Health (SLMH) became a "thing". As a high school principal and as a superintendent I see the critical importance for the following reasons:

- 1. Since the clinician AND practitioner come to the school to meet with the children the parents don't have to leave work to pick up their child, drive them to counseling then drive them back to school it saves time all around.
- 2. Students don't miss hours of school time riding to and from counseling appointments.
- 3. With a release of information, counselors can find out critical data on the students right here in school. Attendance, grades, teacher anecdotal information are all right here and available to help counselors do their work with children.

Overall, the efficiency of SLMH allows parents to stay at work and students to be in class as much as possible and communications with school as clear and available as possible. With the push to have community schools SLMH really makes that a reality.

Taking SLMH away takes us back into the dark ages in bringing availability of mental health services to students.

Best, Sherri Broderius

Sherri Broderius MACCRAY Superintendent MACCRAY Public School 711 Wolverine Drive Clara City, MN 56222

Shine Bright...Think Big for our Wolverine Scholars!