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To Whom It May Concern,

The Douglas County School District is pleased to support the Douglas County Backpack Buddies Program (DCBBP). The Program is dedicated to implementing the Backpack Buddy Program throughout our district. We fully support the efforts of this hard-working group and know how important their contributions are to our students. For many of these children, weekends would be without nutrition if not for this program.

The Douglas County School District supports the goal of the Program:

"To provide students with nutritious food on weekends to help prepare students to learn on Monday."

The mission of the DCBBP is to serve in-need students in Douglas County by raising community awareness and obtaining financial support (and/or food donations) for the Program. Each bag that the Program sends home on Friday afternoon (to over 125 local children) cost approximately \$6.00.

This is the fourteenth year of the Program and 11 of our 12 schools are receiving these very special "backpacks" for identified students. Sustainability of the Program is always in question as the needs of our county continues to increase. We see more and more families struggling financially and this can mean that some of our students go hungry on the weekend. The Douglas County School District asks for your consideration in funding this focused and worthwhile program.

Sincerely,

Joe Girdner

Executive Director or Human Resource

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