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Robert Bialas
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Dear Captain Bialas:

It is my pleasure to offer support for Jefferson County Public Schools' 2018-19 Head Start/Early Head Start Refunding Proposal. The Jefferson County Board of Education (Board) has approved the submission of this application in the amount of \$15,656,047.

Strengthening early childhood education is a key strategy in *Vision 2020*, our district's strategic plan. Head Start and Early Head Start offer comprehensive services that are critical to increasing our students' kindergarten readiness and long-term success. Dedicated staff, community volunteers, and parents are all critical partners in our early childhood programs.

The Board has taken a role in the continuous improvement of the Head Start and Early Head Start programs. We have hosted work sessions for training Board Members on governance and for receiving reports on the Correction Action Plan from our Early Childhood Department. We continue to strive for excellence and a quality program that empowers children and families.

Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated. We value the role of Head Start in our community and look optimistically toward a bright future for families and children in Jefferson County, Kentucky.

Sincerely,


Diane Porter
Chairwoman

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