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RE: Letter of Support for McGlone Elementary Innovation Plan

Mr. Easley & Board of Education Members:

I recently had the opportunity to meet with Suzanne Morey, the newly appointed principal at McGlone Elementary. We discussed the new vision and mission for the school as well as the opportunity for future partnerships in our neighborhood. The United Church of Montbello plays a vital role in the local community and a partnership with McGlone will enhance this role for all members involved. I urge you to support McGlone's innovation plan.

Innovation status will allow McGlone to offer additional instructional time to students. A longer school day and longer school year is needed in order to assist students to achieve grade level standards. A flexible schedule and budget will also allow McGlone to offer more opportunities for students beyond the school day. I also appreciate the high standards that the innovation plan includes for parent engagement and parent involvement.

Community outreach and youth programs are a few of the many ways that we reach the masses through United Church of Montbello. We are prepared to work closely with the new McGlone leadership to have our two organizations work together for the needs of the neighborhood.

A partnership such as this will create a feeling of close knit family amongst the community, which is what the students at McGlone need. We look forward to working with McGlone and providing a great impact on the bright future of this neighborhood and its' families.

Sincerely,

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