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To Whom This May Concern:

I am writing a letter of support for Empowering Youth, Exploring Justice program. EYE-J has been a partner with CMSD for 7 years. EYE-J has provided students the opportunity to discuss social justice issues, trauma, financial literacy, and character development support. EYE-J provides students with a safe space to express their feelings and building relationships with students that often extend outside of the classroom but into the community. EYE-J meets with students one time per month over the course of a school year. The discussion series is approximately 2 hours in length. EYE-J works with 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students with minimally 2-3 community team members in each grade level classroom providing support to all students regardless of their academic, financial, or social emotional issues. They communicate with the students on their level.

Currently, EYE-J has helped to decrease student code of conduct violations and improved our conditions for learning student survey data over a 4-year period. Also, students have utilized strategies when angry or frustrated with peers or adults. Students have opened their first bank account after a financial literacy discussion series. Finally, students have obtained employment in the community after understanding the importance of staying in school, writing and verbally communicating appropriately, and dressing for success. For the above reasons, I support EYE-J as a positive community partnership for supporting CMSD Schools.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 216-838-4450.

Sincerely,



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Miles Park Principal