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Ms. Peggy B. Sapp, President & CEO  
Informed Families/The Florida Family Partnership, Inc.  
2490 Coral Way, Suite 303  
Miami, FL 33145

Dear Ms. Sapp:

On behalf of Miami-Dade Public Schools (M-DCPS), I am pleased to provide this letter in support of the grant application being submitted by [REDACTED] to the Florida Department of Children and Families Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health under the Prevention Partnership Grant. The requested funding will support the [REDACTED] program. [REDACTED] and M-DCPS have worked in partnership with this program and others to help children grow up safe, healthy, and drug-free for more than 30 years.

[REDACTED] program creates a prevention-oriented culture to enhance outcomes for youth by reducing risk factors and increasing protective factors in the school domain. The program provides schools with technical assistance and support services related to prevention, best practices to bring schools up to the level of prevention certification standards, and assistance with completing the web-based application process required to become a [REDACTED].

The program seeks to mentor 3 schools each year in the certification process and then provide nurturing services to those schools in subsequent years to maintain best prevention practices. [REDACTED] will provide the components to achieve [REDACTED] certification. If funding is awarded, M-DCPS will begin discussions with [REDACTED] to negotiate any necessary Affiliating Agreements and/or Use of Facilities forms needed to carry out the grant-funded program for these services.

We look forward to sustaining our work with [REDACTED] and continuing the certification of schools so that every student may succeed, stay drug-free, and make a positive impact in their school and surrounding community.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Dr. Jose L. Dotres  
Superintendent of Schools

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