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Thursday, December 2, 2010

RE: Letter of Support – Lakota  
Waldorf School

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of the Lakota Waldorf School and its programs. Located near our main campus and Lakota Woglaka Wounspe (Lakota First School), the Lakota Waldorf School and its people – students, parents, teachers, and Board - continue to make inroads in bringing a much needed special, culturally appropriate educational methodology to the Lakota people. As a sister school to our own school we are seeking ways to work cooperatively and collaboratively with our student populations to enhance their chances of success as they climb the educational ladder. In support of the Waldorf School we are planning to engage in educational endeavors sharing students, staff, and facilities to improve educational opportunity.

Our college has, in collaboration with Waldorf School Officials, started to offer college courses in Waldorf Education. Our Lakota First School Head Teacher has participated in these and will be doing so this Spring semester.

The Lakota Waldorf School's curriculum and methodology embody many of the traditional Lakota cultural educational practices which tend to enhance and support the development of the Lakota Language, the major goal of both of our schools.

As Dean of Education I can truthfully say that our faculty and programs strongly support the Waldorf School because of its potential for success in language and cultural preservation and in meeting or exceeding current educational standards.

Sincerely,

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Dean of Education

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