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## To Whom It may Concern:

On behalf of the Medicine Root District "Pejuta Haka", I, Austin Watkins, am writing this letter to express our full support of the mission and the work of the Lakota Waldorf School for our Lakota children. We strongly believe that our children and the community greatly benefit from the hard work and dedication set forth by the Lakota Waldorf School.

It is of great Importance that we have a school where our children are provided with an education that consists of the Lakota language and Culture as this is of such importance for our community to continue the work of revitalization.

The Lakota Waldorf School has been a wonderful service in our Community since 1993 and since has created a learning environment that is consistent and in harmony with the Lakota way of life. The Waldorf teaching method is an ideal way of educating our children while incorporating our Lakota language and culture.

They have brought in many wonderful lessons such as a garden, healthy organic eating, care for animals, and the love of nature.

We are fully aware that the Lakota Waldorf School operates entirely on grants as well as donations and I am asking for support for the Lakota Waldorf School so they may continue to move forward with their goals of success so that our children may flourish and the school may expand.

Thank you,

Austin Watkins

Medicine Root District Representative