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October 31, 2023

Dayton Development Coalition
1401 S Main St., Suite 200
Dayton, OH 45409

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Thank you for your time and dedication to supporting initiatives that uplift our community. If you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact me at mayer@daytonohio.gov or 937-532-3838.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey J. Mims, Jr.
City of Dayton, Mayor

The McCook Field Neighborhood Association
c/o 522 Herbert St.
Dayton, Ohio 45404

October 30, 2023

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the McCook Field Neighborhood Association, I am writing to express our full support for the funding request submitted by The Greater Dayton School, which provides new opportunities for students in our community. The Greater Dayton School (GDS) is a groundbreaking institution transforming the lives of at-risk and underserved children in the Dayton area. The Greater Dayton School's commitment to providing a comprehensive education, coupled with wrap-around services, is nothing short of remarkable. It is my firm belief that the funding requested for "Phase 2" of its development will further enhance the school's ability to serve the community effectively and create a lasting impact.

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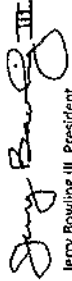
1. **Public Park:** The development of a public park on the school premises not only will benefit the students but also the entire community. It provides a safe and welcoming space for our residents to enjoy outdoor activities and also fosters a sense of unity within the neighborhood. The park will be within safe walking distance for many families in our neighborhood.
2. **Recreation Facilities:** Investing in recreation facilities for students is crucial for their physical and mental well-being. These facilities will encourage an active and healthy lifestyle, promoting lifelong habits of fitness and wellness.
3. **Dental Lab Equipment:** The establishment of a well-equipped dental lab within the school will not only teach students valuable life skills but also address the often-overlooked aspect of oral health. Believe it or not, dental problems are among the most common causes for school absences among low-income student populations. This initiative will contribute to the overall health and confidence of students, and will enhance their ability to excel academically. I struggled with poor dental health during my school years. An opportunity like this would have made a difference in my confidence.
4. **Recreation Field Lighting:** The installation of lighting for recreation fields is essential for extending the use of these facilities beyond daylight hours, ensuring that students can engage in extracurricular activities safely and effectively.

The Support of GDS's "Phase 2" projects will be an investment in the future of the Dayton community. These initiatives will have a far-reaching impact, not only on the students but on the entire neighborhood as well. By providing these essential resources, we are fostering a brighter future for the next generation and strengthening our community as a whole.

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Thank you for your time and dedication to supporting initiatives that uplift our community. If you have any questions, or require further information, please feel free to contact me anytime by email at jerry.bowling.iii@gmail.com or by phone at 937-409-1260.

Sincerely,



Jerry Bowling III, President
McCook Field Neighborhood Association



To whom it may concern,

On behalf of The Greater Dayton School, I am pleased to write in strong support of "Phase 1" of the school's efforts to develop a world-class educational experience for some of Ohio's most underserved students. At scale, our institution will serve 400 underserved PreK-8 students a year and is growing rapidly as we move into our new campus at Decoys Point in Dayton, where we have invested more than \$50 million to create this unprecedented institution.

The Greater Dayton School has approached education in a fundamentally different and groundbreaking way. Our goal is to provide an outstanding education and a revolutionary focus on the student and on their family with an unprecedented level of focus on wrap-around services.

Our core values are:

- Student-first, student-centered
- Dream big, work hard
- Ownership by everyone
- Do the right thing

This focus would typically cost families more than \$30,000 per year but our team has found resources to provide this education to underserved families in Dayton at a fraction of that cost. In order to better connect The Greater Dayton School with the community we serve, we ask for your support for Phase 2 of our ongoing efforts to ensure our students are provided with the resources they need.

Our request is for resources for the following priorities:

1. **Public Park:** As a part of our compact with the community we serve, The Greater Dayton School's main funder, The Connor Group Kids & Community Partners, has pledged \$750,000 to create an adjacent public park. We ask for the resources necessary to complete the necessary work as costs have grown from the inception of the project.
2. **Recreation Facilities:** As part of the effort to ensure that students are physically and mentally healthy, we are providing students with access to recreation facilities. Your support for these resources will not only support their physical development but will also allow us to continue to invest critically needed resources in other critically needed projects.
3. **Dental Lab Equipment:** As a part of the focus on the whole health and well-being of the student, The Greater Dayton School is pleased to offer students dental health care. This investment will augment an investment already made by the Greater Dayton School to ensure that students have access to the best technology available.

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Sincerely,

Ryan Ernst

Director, The Connor Group Kids and Community Partners



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metro@parks.org

October 10, 2023

Honorable Michael R. Turner
2802 Bayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Congressman Turner,
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Sincerely,

Karen L. Hesser

Karen L. Hesser, CRSP
Chief Executive Officer
Five Rivers MetroParks

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Deborah A. Feldman
President and CEO
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Matthew Tepper, President
Old North Dayton Neighborhood Association

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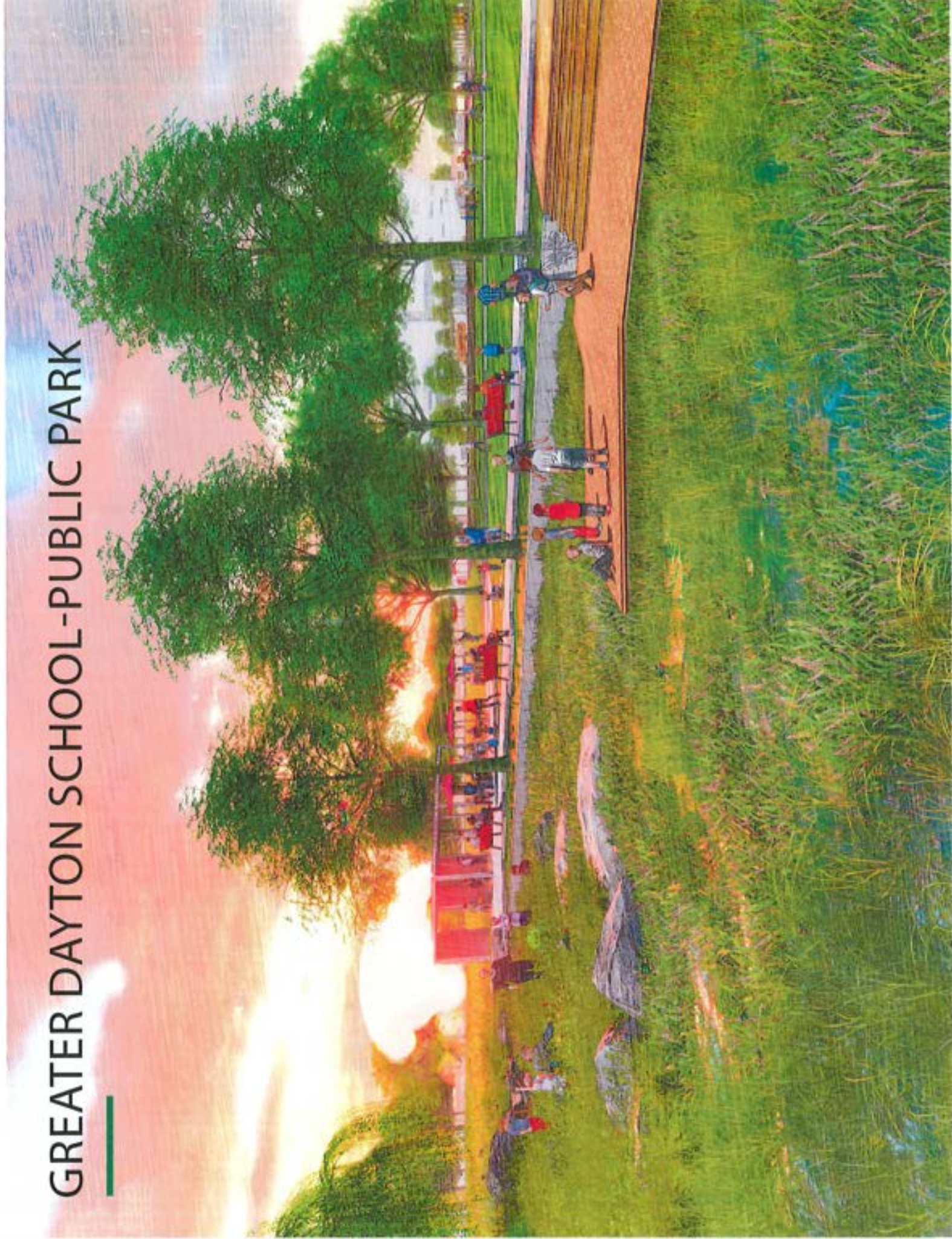
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