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Teresa Deaton-Reese
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402 West Washington Street, Room W468
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Dear Ms. Deaton-Reese & Proposal Reviewers:

On behalf of the White River Valley School District, I am writing in support of the proposal submitted by Youth First, Inc. in response to the state's solicitation for the Regional Evidence-Based School & Community Prevention Program (RFP 24-78769).

We are currently exploring a partnership with Youth First to provide students and families with evidence-based prevention programs and services. Our students come to school with a range of needs and barriers that keep them from being successful in the classroom. Many have home life stressors, mental health struggles, risky behaviors, and more. They need to develop greater resiliency through prevention education, social skills development, specialized mentoring, and connections to other community resources.

If the contract is awarded and matching funds are secured, we would like to place a Youth First mental health professional and associated programs in White River Valley Middle School. Thank you for giving Youth First's proposal your strongest consideration.

Sincerely,



Mitch Dobson
Principal and Incoming Superintendent
White River Valley School District