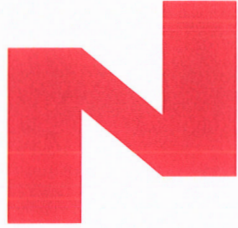


Attachment F, Exhibit 24



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Dear Ms. Deaton-Reese & Proposal Reviewers:

The North Gibson School Corporation wholeheartedly supports Youth First's proposal in response to the state's solicitation for Regional Evidence-Based School & Community Prevention Program (RFP 24-78769). We have a 15-year history of partnering with Youth First to improve the social and emotional well-being of students, prevent substance misuse, and stop other risks such as suicide.

Our schools need Youth First's prevention and mental health expertise now more than ever. We are especially concerned about young people with a family history of mental illness or addiction, including the increasing number of students impacted by the opioid epidemic. These circumstances interfere with their ability to learn and increase the likelihood that they will become drug users or adopt other life-threatening behaviors. Youth First's model of prevention uses Master's level mental health professionals and evidence-based prevention programs to develop caring relationships, build coping skills, and increase resiliency in young people. They also provide valuable training and coaching for parents/caregivers and teachers.

North Gibson School Corporation is also invested in this work, and the fee we pay qualifies as matching dollars alongside the state's funding. By supporting Youth First's proposal, the state will ensure life-strengthening and life-saving support will continue for thousands of students and families.

Sincerely,

Dr. Eric Goggins
Superintendent
North Gibson School Corporation