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Young Women on the Move
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Dear Mary Beth,

On behalf of the Unified School District 500 of Kansas City, Kansas, I am delighted to give Young Women on the Move this formal endorsement as the girls' mentoring program for the district. We are very grateful for the dedication you and your organization have continued to make on behalf of the young women of our District.

We applaud your vision in creating this program. We realize that it has taken much perseverance to build a program that middle school and high school girls will embrace while confronting their critical physical, mental, emotional, and social health needs. Young Women on the Move is proving through its outcomes that girls are making healthier choices, showing stronger resilience, and leading better lives.

USD 500 is especially grateful that Young Women on the Move has made such a deep commitment to our students. We understand that this commitment bears a financial burden which the District cannot fully repay due to its own budget constraints. However, the services Young Women on the Move is providing are vital to the welfare of the young women of our District. Your organization's mission, mental health case management, life skills curriculum and parent advocacy components are a perfect fit with the District's strategic objectives. For these reasons, USD 500 is endorsing Young Women on the Move as the mentoring program for girls in the District.

Congratulations on your continuing progress and future success. We look forward to a growing relationship as we continue to see more and more young women become change agents for a better community and world.

Sincerely,



Susan Engelmann
Executive Director of Teaching For Learning