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Attn: Chair, Patricia Gipson and Commissioners,

On behalf of Families & Youth, Inc. (FYI), I write this letter to express support of Raices del Saber Xinachtli Community School. FYI stands in support of the Community School because of our shared values of community, family, and experiential learning.

The leadership of Raices del Saber Xinachtli Community School has approached the development of a student-supported campus - in part - by coordinating a strategic and collaborative effort with our agency. FYI brings a strong foundation of unique, innovative, and comprehensive services rooted in more than 40 years of supporting and addressing family and community needs. FYI has been actively engaged in other school efforts and we believe this effort stands in great opportunity to be successful in our community.

Raices del Saber Xinachtli Community School has already demonstrated its values of engagement, partnership, and community, all of which support, enhance, and maximize the potential educational impact with the students and families it plans to serve. It is for these reasons FYI supports their mission to serve students in Las Cruces, NM.

Sincerely,

Brian Kavanaugh, CEO