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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the New Haven Public Schools, I am delighted to provide this letter of support for Unified Progress International (UPI) Education's application to The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven. I, along with many of our school Principals, am excited about the possibility of the UPI program returning to New Haven schools.

As I have stated, the UPI curriculum will help our students develop greater self-esteem, appreciate family and become productive, contributing members of school and community life. The UPI program provides a valuable service and as previous data indicates enables students to improve their grades, attendance, and discipline – attributes that bode well, for life's many challenges.

In addition to our strong support of this application, we have set aside approximately \$30,000 annually, in the form of "in-kind" services, to support the 3-year Pilot Program and supplement anticipated grant funding from both, The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven and the State of Connecticut's, Department of Children and Families (DCF).

Like DCF, I believe the UPI program shows great potential as a "promising practice" for at-risk youths. The goals of the program complement our fundamental belief in New Haven that a quality education involves more than preparing students to take standardized tests. Students who do not receive "parental home training" i.e. understanding of authority, motivation, goal setting, and meeting expectations – will have a more difficult time succeeding in school.

I am confident that the program will be successful and we look forward to additional sponsor support that will help expand this worthwhile endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Reginald Mayo', is written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Reginald Mayo

