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**Linda S. Lane, Ed.D.**, Superintendent of Schools

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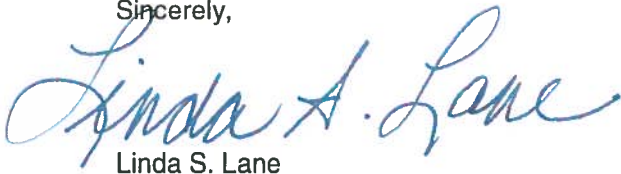
Dear Mr. Rauterkus:

On behalf of Pittsburgh Public Schools, I am pleased to write this letter of interest in the proposal that you are submitting to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to expand the "Swim & Water Polo Camp" that your organization has offered for the past six years through the PPS Summer Dreamer's Academy. The Camp has proven popular among our students, and we are happy to learn of your plan to broaden its reach.

PPS recognizes that healthier students are better learners, so we highly value programs that motivate our students to be active and expose them to fun ways to exercise. If your proposal is successful, I understand that you intend to transition your Camp to a year-round aquatics intervention. In addition, over the five-year grant period, you intend to identify and train up to 250 students to become certified lifeguards, who not only know CPR and First Aid, but also serve as role models, swim instructors, game officials and activity coaches.

PPS has a number of indoor swimming pools in our school buildings throughout Pittsburgh. If you are funded, staff will meet with you to discuss the steps associated with obtaining permits to use additional PPS swim facilities for your year-round program. We look forward to hearing of your proposal's success.

Sincerely,



Linda S. Lane