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Mid-City Community Advocacy Network
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Dear Mid-City Community Advocacy Network:

The San Diego Unified School District welcomes the opportunity to partner with the Mid-City Community Advocacy Network, as well as other public agencies and community-based organizations serving the City Heights community, to develop a proposal for the California Endowment "Building Healthy Communities Initiative."

The district is pleased to support the efforts of the California Endowment to focus resources on communities in need, to benefit children, youth and their families, and to influence policy change at the regional, state and national level. A coordinated health initiative in City Heights will enable us to maximize the resources we currently direct to student health at the 14 public schools (Pre-K - 12) in the project area. Over the course of the nine-month project planning process, we are committed to providing in-kind resources to include staff time and expertise, access to general student data and school programs, and use of meeting facilities if needed.

We know that healthy, active and well-nourished children and youth are more likely to attend school and are more prepared and motivated to learn. The district supports a coordinated school health program in City Heights that provides a school-wide approach to health education, physical education, parent/community involvement, nutrition services, health services, psychological and counseling services, safe and healthy school environments and promoting healthy staff. A coordinated approach to school health improves student's health and their capacity to learn through the support of families, schools and communities working together.

The San Diego Unified School District is committed to working with City Heights parents, students, residents, community-based organizations, public agencies, and community partners to develop a plan to achieve the child and family health outcomes set by the California Endowment. Dr. Arun Ramanathan, Chief Student Services Officer, will be the primary staff contact for the initiative. He can be reached at (619) 260-5460. We look forward to serving as an active partner in this important work.

Sincerely,

Terry B. Grier, Ed.D.
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