

August 25, 2025

Dr. Tawana Grover, Superintendent Cedar Rapids Community School District 2500 Edgewood Road NW Cedar Rapids, IA 52405

Dear Superintendent Grover,

On behalf of the City of Cedar Rapids, Iowa Government, we are proud to express our full support for the Cedar Rapids Community School District's (CRCSD) proposed bond referendum on the November 4, 2025 ballot. While the City and CRCSD are separate taxing entities, we share a common future. Strong cities need strong schools to support strong neighborhoods, stabilize housing, and preserve community character and vitality. For these reasons, we write to highlight the importance of this year's school-bond vote.

Investing in our city must include investing in our schools. Cedar Rapids has outstanding public school facilities with tremendous potential, ready to be improved and made state-of-the-art. This bond will help achieve that vision. We commend CRCSD's commitment to listening to parents and refining its plans to meet the community's needs — upgrading existing schools, investing in the children and families who already call Cedar Rapids home, and preparing for continued growth. This year's bond will continue CRCSD's legacy of ensuring every student and every family have access to opportunity in every corner of Cedar Rapids.

This belief is also central to Cedar Rapids' growth strategy: strong schools create strong communities. When families seek new opportunities, they look for places that offer both great jobs and great schools. Cedar Rapids' future is directly tied to the continued success of CRCSD. This bond measure puts that future in our hands.

Together, we urge every member of our community to support schools that reflect the excellence we envision for Cedar Rapids. A "YES" vote on this bond measure is a commitment to the future our youth deserve — and an investment in our families, economy, and shared future.

Thank you for your leadership in advancing this critical initiative and presenting a plan both shaped by strong community input and positioned for success. We stand beside you in your efforts to build a stronger future for every student in Cedar Rapids.

In Solidarity,

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