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To Whom it May Concern:

With this letter of support, I give my unconditional support for the RESTART S.M.A.R.T proposal before you. It addresses the unprecedented challenges specific to COVID-19, and the many ongoing, and new trauma-specific challenges which exist now, and which will proliferate in the new future if unattended. The skill sets which RESTART S.M.A.R.T. addresses are the foundation for all learning to even be possible. If we are to re-start educational programs as if all is the same, we will wonder why large groups of students are falling behind in the coming months and years.

RESTART S.M.A.R.T. address the trauma experienced by so many students in relevant and innovative ways. This is critical because all learning is impacted by trauma, from executive function, to academic skills, in addition to health related issues such as sleep, stress, anxiety, and depression.

The RESTART S.M.A.R.T. proposal lays the groundwork for what is needed now for our future generations to experience success in the future. To ignore this need is to ignore research, the trauma, our very community, and well-being of our state and country. I urge you to take this proposal and give it your most focused consideration. Together we can move from this adversity, treat it as our ally, and move forward in unity.

Be well and create wellness,

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