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Charter Council (BOCC)
Blue Oak Charter School
450 W. East Avenue
Chico, CA 95926

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you today to ask for your assistance in the continued support of the Blue Oak School Drama program. I speak to you today as both a middle school parent and a participant in youth theatre myself.

As a student, I was surprised to find Drama to be a very impactful outlet that helped me form lifelong friendships, gain confidence, and develop into adult I am today. I also credit theatre with allowing me to cross paths with my wife when we met in a theatre class in college many years ago.

My daughter, Bella, will be entering the 7th grade next year and was an active member of the Middle School Drama club as a 6th grader. In watching the standing room only performance of the Drama Club Play just a few weeks ago my wife and I were beaming with pride to see her come alive in a way we had not seen for a while. Going into the show we were admittedly prepared to love her work as traditional doting parents, but were beside ourselves with pride to see her and her fellow actors engage with each other and the audience with such energy. After the show she could not stop talking about how much fun she had, and it seemed to surprise her too!

Middle School is a transformative time in the lives of our children and supporting this pivotal growth period by helping them begin to find their passions is so important. I urge you to support Drama at Blue Oak as a positive and important resource for our children. I feel the value that Drama offers to our middle school students is significant and the selflessness and dedication shown by Keri Dvorin's engagement should be nurtured.

Thank you for your time and support.

Michael Machi, Jr.

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