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**Subject: Letter of Support for Ukiah School Facilities Repair and Viability Capital Funding Request**

Dear Mr. Campbell,

As a dedicated educator at Ukiah School, where I teach students in grades K through 5, I am writing to express my strong support for the Ukiah School District's 2023-25 Capital Funding Request for the *Ukiah School Facilities Repair and Viability* project.

Our current school facility is in urgent need of significant upgrades and repairs. With crumbling siding, deteriorating concrete foundations, century-old retaining walls, and hazardous materials such as asbestos still present in the flooring, the building no longer meets the basic safety and health standards our students and staff deserve. The outdated elevator has reached the end of its serviceable life, making accessibility an ongoing concern for compliance with ADA requirements. These issues not only compromise the functionality of the building but also its ability to serve as a safe learning environment and emergency shelter for the community.

As a teacher, I see firsthand how our school's physical environment directly impacts student learning, engagement, and well-being. A well-maintained, accessible, and modernized facility would foster a safer, more welcoming space that promotes student achievement and community pride. This project would allow us to continue providing quality education in a facility that reflects our value on our students' futures.

With an estimated total project cost of \$1.5 million, the district is requesting \$1.25 million from the General Fund and will leverage \$250,000 in matching funds from grants, school funds, and energy rebates. These efforts demonstrate the district's commitment to responsible planning and community investment.

I respectfully urge the approval of this capital improvement grant. The funding will not only improve infrastructure but will also enhance the long-term viability of our school and community.

Thank you for considering this vital request on behalf of the students, families, and staff of Ukiah.

Sincerely,  
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