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To Whom It May Concern,

National Fatherhood Initiative<sup>®</sup> (NFI) is honored to recognize The National Alliance for Father-Friendly Schools' (NAFFS') efforts to encourage schools and school districts to provide a welcoming and inclusive environment for fathers. We recognize that when schools intentionally welcome and engage fathers, they see improvements in behavior, attendance, and student achievement.

We also encourage the support of students who do not have an easily identifiable father figure in their lives. Schools should be motivated and equipped to help those students participate in father engagement programs with an appropriate role model or mentor to fill that gap.

As the premiere fatherhood organization in the country, NFI works to increase father involvement by equipping communities and human service organizations with the training, programs, and resources they need to be father-inclusive. As such, we are proud to join NAFFS in working with fatherhood organizations, school districts, parent organizations, and others. As a firm believer in the power of family engagement in schools, we support the formation of NAFFS.

Please feel free to contact me for a reference or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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