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To Whom it may concern

It is with great pleasure that USD 330 Mission Valley is collaborating with Future Service Leaders (FSL) and the Rural Vitality Center in applying for funding under the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) FY 2023 Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education) Program. Funding will allow for expansion, enhancement, and coordination of mental health services and data collection and analysis within school systems in Osage City, Mission Valley, and North Lyon County and beyond.

Programming and Mental Health First Aid training will be offered to school system personnel in order to recognize and refer children/youth experiencing mental health situations and crises. Crosswinds, our mental health provider, will actively engage the community as well in educating and accepting referrals for their services, therefore increasing overall access and decreasing the barrier of cost. This five year project will be a gamechanger for the community and will provide much-needed services to young people and their families, as well as increase the capacity of the mental health system in the provision of a multitude of services. The project will provide a range of services across the three tiers of service delivery – prevention, intervention, and treatment.

USD 330 Mission Valley is committed to this project over the next five years, and in doing so, we will provide/offer/give:

- Availability of licensed and classified staff for training up to 8 hrs/school year
- Support in reaching out to families, parents, and students in our school
- Accessibility to resources such as technology

Targeted outcomes include increasing awareness and professional development in staff and personnel in the school system, increasing access to mental health services for children and youth through Crosswinds, increased numbers of youth receiving direct mental health services to decrease their symptoms and increase coping skills, and a more thoroughly integrated data collection system to direct current and future programming through in depth and multiple data analysis methods. These interventions will ultimately lead to a brighter and healthier future for young throughout the northeast part of the state.

It is USD 330 Mission Valley's distinct honor to support this project with FSL as it provides a holistic model for mental health services, treatment, and evaluation. We are thrilled to be embarking on this journey.

Respectfully,

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