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Dear Chair Hall and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of Nevada County Schools, I am writing to support the proposed County "Lease Agreement with the Nevada County Fairgrounds" that will facilitate a temporary Youth Hub focused on distance learning and youth programs.

Having a Youth Hub focused on distance learning (as well as serving students in the hybrid model) will allow us to help ensure that all families in western Nevada County who lack broadband or WIFI services will have a safe place to go to engage in virtual learning and thereby not fall behind in their academic studies. The Nevada County Fairgrounds provides a central location to facilitate access to such services for families in the western county area.

I commend the County for providing a creative approach to help families struggling with access to distance learning as well as supporting the larger community as we adapt to the constraints imposed by COVID-19 and keeping our community safe. My office looks forward to partnering on this project with the County of Nevada.

Sincerely,

Scott W. Lay

Nevada County Superintendent of Schools