

September 18, 2020

Dear Chair Hall and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of the Friendship Club and NEO, 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.

While keeping our community safe during this COVID-19 is paramount, we do not want to forgo giving kids an opportunity to learn, be social, and stay connected as it is so important for their long-term development. At The Friendship Club/NEO we have struggled to meet the needs of our kids and families given the limitations that COVID-19 has imparted. A Youth Hub at the Fairgrounds would provide sufficient space to accommodate physical distancing while still keeping youth engaged and active. The Friendship Club/NEO is excited about the opportunities that the Fairgrounds facility space affords and that we will continue to be able to deliver a high level of youth programming over the coming months.

I commend the County for providing a creative approach to help families and youth with access to youth activities and distance learning as well as supporting the larger community as we adapt to the constraints imposed by COVID-19 and keeping our community safe.

Sincerely,

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September 15, 2020

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



September 18, 2020

Attn: Chair Hall
Board of Supervisors
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RE: Board Item SR 20-3444, 9/22 Meeting, Nevada County Fairgrounds Lease Agreement

Dear Chair Hall and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

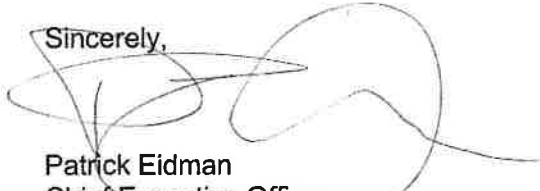
On behalf of the Nevada County Fairgrounds, I am writing to support the proposed County "Lease Agreement with the Nevada County Fairgrounds" that will facilitate a temporary Youth Hub focused on distance learning and youth programs.

The Nevada County Fairgrounds is excited to be part of this creative solution to provide a Youth Hub focused on meeting the needs of our community, particularly youth, for distance learning support as well as programming to ensure kids can stay both connected and healthy in this time of COVID-19. The Fairgrounds currently has underutilized facility space that would provide an excellent location to accommodate such a Youth Hub with ample physical distancing among other public health precautions. The proposed contract will also provide funding for the Fairgrounds to upgrade its broadband service so that adequate internet access can be provided to distance learners. The proposed agreement will also enable us to re-open the grounds for public access for walking, biking and other recreational use during the weekdays, providing additional benefit to the community.

We commend the County for providing a creative approach to help families and youth with access to youth activities and distance learning as well as supporting the larger community as we adapt to the constraints imposed by COVID-19 and keeping our community safe.

Please feel free to contact myself or Wendy Oaks, the Fairgrounds Deputy Manager, at (530) 273-6217 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Patrick Eidman
Chief Executive Officer
Nevada County Fairgrounds