

January 30, 2024

**Re: California Community Schools Partnership Program**

Dear Paradise Unified School District,

I am pleased to submit a letter of support for the Paradise Unified School District for their efforts to expand their services to include the California Community Schools Partnership Program. As an established community partner, the First 5 Butte County Children and Families Commission has been funding and providing services for children age 0-5 and their caregivers for 25 years. The vision of the Commission is *“Every child in Butte County will have the opportunity for a resilient, thriving future through a nurturing, supportive network of families, caregivers, and their community.”* The expansion of educational services to include the whole family and address social and cultural barriers are in direct alignment with the Commission’s vision.

If awarded, the Commission would commit to coordinating and facilitating the provision of the following services:

- Evidence Based Caregiver Education and Support through the First 5 Family Center Initiative
- Developmental screening and care coordination through Help Me Grow Butte
- Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health trainings for providers
- Maternal Mental Health trainings for providers
- Outreach for and promotion of supportive community resources for families

The Commission supports Paradise Unified School District’s application and is committed to ongoing partnership in service of young children and their caregivers.

Please don’t hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns at [abauer@buttecounty.net](mailto:abauer@buttecounty.net).

Sincerely,

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First 5 Butte County Children and Families Commission

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