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City and Borough of Juneau
155 Heritage Way
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Family Promise Proposal for Floyd Dryden Middle School facility

Dear City and Borough of Juneau:

This letter is in support of proposal put forth by Family Promise of Juneau to utilize Floyd Dryden Middle School as an emergency shelter space for families in our community.

St. Vincent de Paul strongly supports this proposal to meet a pressing gap in our homeless services here in Juneau. Only two organizations in Juneau have programs specifically aimed at homeless families: Family Promise and St. Vincent de Paul. Even with help from AWARE, there is not enough shelter space specifically for homeless families. This proposal provides an emergency family space in a critical location that will greatly meet a need both within our community and within our homeless service provider network.

Homelessness is a growing problem that requires collaborative efforts from various stakeholders to address effectively. Family Promise of Juneau has a proven track record of providing crucial support and resources to homeless families, empowering them to regain stability and independence. By offering temporary shelter at Floyd Dryden Middle School, Family Promise will be able to extend their reach and impact, providing a safe and supportive environment for families in need. As an agency that has worked closely with Family Promise, we appreciate their efforts to collaborate and work together. We recognize the importance of innovative solutions like the one proposed by Family Promise. Utilizing existing infrastructure such as Floyd Dryden Middle School as a temporary shelter not only maximizes resources but also ensures that families facing homelessness have access to the shelter and the support they urgently need.

Moreover, we believe that this initiative could work well with other proposed uses of Floyd Dryden Middle school to provide maximum connections with minimal disruptions. By endorsing Family Promise's proposal, we reaffirm our commitment to fostering a community where every individual and family has access to safe, stable, and affordable housing.

Sincerely,

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