



MN Math and Science Academy

Office of the Regional Superintendent

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To Chair Pryor and Education Policy Committee Members,

I am honored to write this letter of support for Pillsbury United Community (PUC) Performance Framework. I serve as the Regional Superintendent for MN Math and Science Academy (MMSA) and Horizon Science Academy, both sponsored by PUC's Office of Public Charter Schools (PUC-OPCS). I also serve as the principal for MMSA.

PUC's Performance Framework provides us a blueprint to create school improvement goals that are equity-focused, and celebrates our schools' innovative, anti-racist, student-centered, and community-responsive practices.

The framework goes beyond accountability for academic achievement and helps us highlight our students and families strengths, supports our continuous improvement efforts, and provides an opportunity for our data and stories to create a positive narrative about our students, communities, and schools. The Results-Based Accountability™ that focuses on three questions: How much did we do; How well did we do it; and Is anyone better off, calls on us to be thoughtful about the opportunities and conditions a school provides to support student outcomes.

I have been in education for more than 35 years, and I truly appreciate working with Pillsbury United Community Office of Public Charter Schools. Our schools are unique and special, and our students and families are unique and special, and they have amazing stories; they are more than just student achievement. PUC-OPCS supports our desire to center them in all that we do.

Sincerely,

Stephen West
Regional Superintendent
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