



March 16, 2021

Kristin Harrington
Executive Director
Youth Solutions Inc.
330 West Main Street
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Dear Ms. Harrington,

On behalf of the Benton Harbor Area Schools, I am writing to express support for the Inspiring Futures: Benton Harbor effort and its work to bring together a robust collection of local leaders, including our own district expert M'Shannon Rockette. As a cornerstone of the Benton Harbor community, Benton Harbor Area Schools (BHAS) understands the critical importance of collective work. We are excited to play our part in creating seamless high-quality programming that moves students along a continuum of services resulting in long-term career success.

Benton Harbor Area Schools have a rich history of success and are committed to providing that same level of opportunity to all current and future students. The Inspiring Futures: Benton Harbor project will focus on building out pathways to career opportunities, working hand-in-hand with area employers. This is aligned with the goals of the district and we are supportive of this effort.

Creating a system of the right interventions, at the right times, with the right partners will create lasting, meaningful, and substantive opportunities for all BHAS youth. These goals directly align with the educational mission of BHAS and we are eager to be a collaborative voice in this most important work. In short, it is my pleasure to **whole-heartedly endorse the Inspiring Futures: Benton Harbor project and commit to its success.**

Sincerely,

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Dr. Andraé Townsel
Superintendent