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Dear Hazleton School District:

We are happy to offer this letter of support for the school district collaborative efforts. The Dominican House of hazleton had heard the voice of the community in the last few days and the community in one voice has communicated the following topics they believe needs answers.

Implement the use of uniforms in the whole school district: It is a proven fact, that Studies Suggests School Uniforms Reduce Student Absences and Disciplinary Problems. Studies suggests that this might be a good thing as school uniforms can positively impact students' grades, attendance and behavior.

Bullying: One of the Main concerns of parents with kids at the Hazleton area School District is the constant bullying that occurs daily at our local schools. We need a program to make sure bullying have not place at school district buildings. It is a reality that bullying is more prevalent in first generation communities where students are adapting a new language.

Racism: believe it or not. Parents are still complaining about the treatment their kids and their siblings are receiving from the school district. They usually are not aware of the schools special programs or benefits for their kids. Which makes them think this is because of racism. The school district should implement a policy to guarantee the largest number of your students “the Hispanic students and their parents are receiving the same services, opportunities for everyone. How many of the school district staff is bilingual?

Bus Driver Helpers: Parents are complaining about the safety of their kids with the school buses and the drivers behavior. Suggesting it should be mandatory that each bus driver have a helper to control the students at all times during their time at the bus. This to avoid confusion, bullying and other issues within the students and to help drivers be focus in the road. There is reports of bus drivers being attacked by students or having issues in the road because of ongoing incidents at the bus while they are driving. Perhaps, the school district can hire drivers helpers? Or at least request assistance of volunteers to perform this job?

After School programs at institutions like the Dominican House of Hazleton. So students can be part of it. We offer a solution calls **BREAKING THE CYCLE.** Empowering Children &

Families to Thrive and Reach Their Fullest Potential In A Therapeutic Environment. Providing disadvantaged families with access to quality early childhood programs is critical to America's immediate and long-term economic future. Is the school district to support this type of projects? We offer our facilities and resources to help building this program.

Homeless parents and their kids: Parents wandering with children's in the streets, without a place to sleep and we believe that the school should develop a program to make sure these kids are safe and that their welfare is being taken seriously. Is the school district looking into this reality?

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This letter is neither binding nor exclusive to the signatory, and creates no contractual duties or relationships. Again we look forward to working with the school district to further support families in need here in the Hazleton area.

Good Luck!

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President Of the Dominican
House Of Hazleton INC