

August 18, 2020

David Blackburn, Superintendent
Salida School District
349 E. 9th Street
Salida, Colorado 81201



Re: Letter of Support for the Opening of School

Dear David,

It is our understanding the County Commissioners and some elected officials representing local government in the County have provided letters of support in favor of schools opening in the “Green Zone”. We believe the respective school districts have the data that puts them in the best position to determine the safest and most cost effective way to open up our schools. We further believe having children in school reduces the anxiety and uncertainties many working parents experience, and businesses face with their workforce. The ultimate goal of opening schools is for the benefit and safety of our children, families, and school staff.

The decisions faced by the School Boards are monumental and consequential. It has been stated that the school districts provide a certain “rhythm” for the community at large. We want you to know that we do not envy your task, and you have the support of the CCEDC Board in whatever decisions you make both now and into the future.

We continue to be reliant on the leaders of both school districts and will continue to support efforts that help stabilize and grow our community through these uncertain times.

Sincerely yours,

Dave Blazer, Chair, Chaffee County Economic Development Corporation

Cc: Greg Felt, Chair, Board of County Commissioners
Board of Directors, Chaffee County Economic Development Corporation
Wendell Pryor, Director, Chaffee County Economic Development Corporation