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Tiffany Blakely
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Dear Ms. Blakeley,

The Gilpin County Board of County Commissioners wishes to express our acknowledgment of the proposed new charter school in Coal Creek Canyon as one of the potential educational options for our region, facilitated by the dedicated community members and parents of Coal Creek Canyon K8. We recognize the importance of having educational options in our area.

Given the recent decision by Jefferson County School District to close Coal Creek Canyon K8, a gap has emerged in local educational options for many children and families in rural Gilpin County. The challenges, such as overcrowding at the receiving school in Arvada and reduced busing services, have underscored the need for a solution.

It has come to our attention that the proposed charter school, in partnership with Jefferson Academy, aims to open in the former CCC K8 building in 2024 and has garnered the support of 149 committed students and their families.

We recognize the potential of this charter school as a valuable educational resource in our rural, mountainous region, beyond our traditional public-school offerings. We hope this offering will be a long-term solution for the families in the area.

Thank you for your commitment to this project and your efforts to ensure a better future for our children.

Sincerely,

Marie Mornis

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Sandy Hollingsworth