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Dear Grants Committee:

We support the Lake County Office of Education's request for funding to the Education for Homeless Children and Youth Grant Program. We believe their request is important because the grant will help ensure homeless children and youth have equal access to the same free, appropriate public education as provided to all other children and youth.

LCOE will administer the funds to support all LEAs in the county, including technical assistance, professional development, trainings, and collaboration activities to better identify and determine the needs of their homeless students and how best to meet those needs.

We find that the Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program is an excellent way of communicating regional messages regarding the well-being of homeless youth and children in the schools and community of Lake County. Our proposed collaboration seeks to increase community and individual involvement to facilitate the identification, enrollment, attendance, and success in school for homeless children and youth

- Sharing best practices;
- Combining resources;
- Collaborating on effective public education messages about the education of homeless youth;
- Centralized, focused local efforts to educate the public;
- Generation of ideas and sharing of information about programs and resources;
- Open discussion about homeless education issues;
- Networking opportunities between a broad spectrum of prevention, intervention and treatment professionals;
- Heightened awareness of the homeless youth year round; and
- Navigation/Coordinated planning for an effective support and service for homeless youth

In closing, the County of Lake supports this proposed submission of the California Department of Education's Education for Homeless Children and Youth Grant Program by Lake County Office of Education.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bruno Sabatier, Chair