



January 29, 2025

Mr. Todd Bissell, Superintendent
Norwood Public Schools
1225 W. Summit Ave
Norwood Colorado 81423

Dear Mr. Bissell:

On behalf of the Telluride Foundation, I am writing to express our whole-hearted support for Norwood Public School's BEST grant application. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) community foundation with the mission of enriching the quality of life of the residents, visitors and workforce of the region, which includes Norwood. We believe that building a new school is critical for the future of Norwood, as it directly impacts the health, economic vitality, educational equity of the community.

First and foremost, the health and safety of our community members -- especially our children -- depend on having a learning environment free from asbestos, lead pipes, and mold; no child should have to learn in a space that compromises their well-being.

Additionally, Norwood's long-term economic success is tied to having a thriving, high-quality school. A modern, well-equipped learning environment is essential to attracting families and business to the area, ensuring that Norwood remains a desirable place to live and work.

Equally important is the issue of educational equity. Currently, more than 50 Norwood students commute to other towns in search of better educational opportunities. Meanwhile, our neighboring communities, such as Nucla and Telluride have invested in state-of-the-art facilities. Our students deserve the same opportunities as their peers, and a new school will help level the playing field.

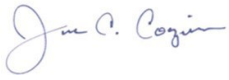
Finally, constructing a new school creates opportunities for broader community development. The Town of Norwood's interest in purchasing and repurposing the old school campus could provide much-needed community space, further strengthening Norwood's infrastructure and social fabric. We commend the Town's commitment to this project and its essential role in ensuring the old school campus benefits the community.

Our foundation has a deep-rooted commitment to the success of Norwood. Our past investments include workforce housing, the public library, early childhood education, parks and trails, and vital community services such as the food pantry and the medical clinic. We see a

new school – and the BEST grant – as a transformational investment in Norwood’s future, laying the foundation for a thriving and sustainable community.

We strongly urge the BEST Committee’s support of Norwood Public School’s BEST grant application. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jason Corzine". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jason" and last name "Corzine" clearly legible.

Jason Corzine, President & CEO

cc: Town of Norwood