## ISHPEMING PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of Partridge Creek Farm's grant proposal. The Ishpeming Public School District No. 1 believes in the Farm's mission of improving local access to fresh produce, building a healthy community, and promoting education of sustainable food systems.

The Ishpeming Public School District is composed of 150 years of academic and athletic excellence. Much of the district's success is due to the support and strength of its community. Our community continually finds ways to support our student's educational growth. The goal of Partridge Creek Farm is an example of how the community builds partnerships with our District.

As Partridge Creek Farm has committed to providing lesson plans for our educational staff, our staff has committed to incorporating the plans into their current curriculum. We plan to have various groups of students involved-from all levels in grades K-12. The farming project will provide our students with hands-on/inquiry-based learning activities that will promote valuable knowledge and skills about healthy living.

Please consider awarding the grant to Partridge Creek Farm. The focus of the project will benefit our community, our school district, and our students. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 906.485.5501.

Sincerely.

Carrie Meyer Superintendent