



April 17th, 2018

National Joint Powers Alliance

**RE: Career Advisor Grant Proposal
Submitted by Rural Minnesota Concentrated Employment Program, Inc.**

On behalf of the Verndale School District, I support the application to the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) from Rural Minnesota Concentrated Employment Program, Inc. (RMCEP) to provide Career Advising Services to students in the Central Minnesota Region.

The Verndale School District is committed to being an ongoing partner with RMCEP in a regional effort to increase Career and College Readiness. We strongly believe a partnership with NJPA will enhance the opportunity to maximizing this program's potential.

This proposal will help explain the need for career advising services to fully engage with students in a holistic manner. Through our experience, the RMCEP career advising methodology is an effective practice in guiding youth to a positive post secondary outcome.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need further information regarding the support of this grant initiative by RMCEP.

Sincerely,

Paul Brownlow
Superintendent
Verndale School District #818