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Denali Borough School District  
247 Suntrana Avenue  
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RE: Letter of Support for Denali Borough School District's Application to the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program through the Environmental Protection Agency

Superintendent Dan Polta,

On behalf of Golden Valley Electric Association (GVEA), I am writing to express my support for the Denali Borough School District's (DBSD) grant application for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program administered through the Environmental Protection Agency. GVEA is a not-for-profit electric cooperative serving nearly 100,000 Interior Alaska residents and entities, including the Denali Borough School District.

This proposed project will improve the resiliency of the DBSD's infrastructure through an investment in energy upgrades and efficiencies. GVEA continues to support DBSD's participation in our Sustainable Natural Alternative Power Plus (SNAP) net metering program, which interconnects producers of renewable energy to our utility's electrical distribution system. Through the SNAP program, GVEA inspects and reviews a member's solar installation. Once the new construction passes a final inspection, a GVEA crew will connect the system to the grid. The program purchases any renewably generated electricity beyond the location's own consumption back from its members at an avoided cost rate. Surplus electricity from solar panels during the long summer days in the Interior can result in account credit, which will contribute to lower operating expenses for the DBSD's three schools.

GVEA will continue to engage with the DBSD on its energy upgrades and the benefits that can be realized to reduce the burden of high energy costs. Strong schools mean strong communities, and GVEA supports DBSD's endeavors to enhance its education capabilities through investments in energy efficiency and resiliency.

Thank you,

John Burns  
CEO