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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Brady Dickinson and I am the superintendent of the Twin Falls School District #411. The purpose of this letter is to voice my support for the Children's Museum of the Magic Valley. I believe this concept has been a tremendous addition to our community and it is my hope the momentum for this project will continue to grow!

The Twin Falls School District educates nearly 10,000 students every year. This is just a fraction of the children in our community who could benefit from a facility like a permanent children's museum in the Magic Valley. Children only spend a portion of their time in school and parents are often looking for educational ways to entertain and engage their children in the world around them. Activities outside of the normal school day can create a love for learning and can have a profound impact on students' educational outcomes. These types of enrichment opportunities will help promote education both within our school system and at home.

The Twin Falls School District is already benefiting from the great work the Children's Museum of the Magic Valley is doing in our community. At least four of our schools have already signed up to have the Children's Museum host STEM Family Nights in their schools and numerous students and their families have participated in the Children's Museum's community outreach activities. Community partners like the Children's Museum of the Magic Valley are what help to make our students succeed both in school and beyond.

Having a permanent, state-of-the-art facility will provide additional access while enhancing the experience for the children of our community. Much work has already been done by the amazing volunteers supporting the museum and I am excited to see how the opportunities for our kids will continue to be enhanced.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools

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