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Dear SouthTech Supporter,

SouthTech Academy and SouthTech Preparatory Academy are expanding! We are currently writing an application for a third charter school, SouthTech Success Center. The vision responsible for creating SouthTech Success Center was the Governing Board's desire to provide moderately challenged high school students with an innovative, educational option leading to high school graduation and a viable career. The Success center will provide intensive academic support and career education to ESE and specific groups of At Risk students, with the intent of graduating them with a work-ready high school diploma and related industry certifications. Instruction will be provided in a non-graded (alternative) school setting. Academic classes will be conducted as direct instruction for all students regardless of the individual's classification.

A highly skilled and dedicated staff will provide each student with a personalized IEP or an academic plan tailored to meet his or her learning needs. Combining academic skills with technical training in a Career Academy of choice, the school is committed to maximizing each student's individual capacity by graduating students prepared for work, higher education, and productive citizenship. In addition to a standard high school diploma, students will qualify for available licensure or industry certification from the State of Florida appropriate for their chosen career. A successful postsecondary transition into a career or into post-secondary education will enable students to become productive, contributing members of society. ESE students may defer graduation and transition into SouthTech Academy's Supported Employment or CORE programs for additional employment support. This innovative new school plans to open at the beginning of the FY18 school year. SouthTech Success Center, the students that it will serve, and the community which will benefit from the advantages it offers, solicit your letter of support. Please see the attached example.

Sincerely,

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Attached

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EXAMPLE OF A SUPPORT LETTER

To whom it may concern:

I was recently made aware that an application was in process for a new charter school in Boynton Beach. Known as the SouthTech Success Center, the purpose of this new school is to assure a much higher level of success for a struggling population of high school students. The student body will consist of students with specific exceptionalities (ESE) and specific populations of At Risk (of not graduating high school). Through the Success Center, they will attain high school graduation with a diploma, gain employability potential through attendance in a career academy of choice, and earn industry certifications that attest to the individual's proficiency in their chosen career.

As a (parent, business owner, employer, community servant, interested taxpayer, etc.), please know I laud the Governing Board of SouthTech Schools for undertaking this innovative, first- of-its-kind in this School District program. Also know that I fully support this endeavor and urge the reader to do the same.

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