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To Whom It May Concern:

As Director of the Get Georgia Reading Campaign, I am honored to write a letter of support on the Twiggs Vitamins R (Reading) and L (Literacy). This is a unique pilot project that addresses language nutrition in one of our rural counties. Language nutrition is the use of language that is sufficiently rich in engagement, quality, quantity, and contact that it nourishes the child neurologically, socially, and linguistically. This initiative works with parents monthly to teach techniques for encouraging reading and promoting literacy among 2- and 3-year-olds. They have aligned developmental and academic standards to provide continuity of learning experiences and personal growth in parents as well as our young learners. This community collaborative is creatively designed to include the local elementary school, community health center, health department, public library and major local employer. This is a great example of how to build a foundation for early childhood initiatives that can address healthy child/family development.

This is the first community driven cooperative focused on early learning initiatives and it has the potential and the capacity to create waves that will have impact on our children and future generations for years to come. They were fortunate to receive support through the Sandra Dunagan Deal Early Learning Center and have invested wisely in their community. I wholeheartedly believe that they are worthy of the 2019 Leading Edge Award for GA school districts.

Sincerely,

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