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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Yorkville CUSD 115 Student Services Department, we are in support of the School of Expressive Arts and Learning opening a new location in the city of Yorkville.

Yorkville CUSD 115 currently has 18 students enrolled in the School of Expressive Arts and Learning at the Romeoville campus. The students that attend the School of Expressive Arts and Learning receive special education services, therapies, and related services necessary for them to learn skills in order to transition back into Yorkville CUSD 115 in their hometown. The students receive transportation provided by Yorkville CUSD 115 to and from Romeoville. Their bus ride is at least 2 hours per day. Many times, due to the distance and the length of the bus ride, the students are unable to participate in activities and athletics at their home school with their Yorkville peers.

The Yorkville students and families that receive educational services from the School of Expressive Arts and Learning in Romeoville would benefit from having a location closer to home. Student that currently receive services from the School of Expressive Arts and Learning would be able to learn functional, job, and life skills within the community they reside. Receiving these services in their hometown would result in a minimal transition upon graduation. When students have learned the skills in order to be successful at their home school, Yorkville CUSD 115 provides the students the opportunity to transition slowly to Yorkville CUSD 115 schools, with transportation provided during the school day. Having the School of Expressive Arts and Learning location in Yorkville, will increase the amount students that would be able to transition to Yorkville CUSD 115 and also allow more flexibility in the time of day and class period that the students are able to transition. Students will have the opportunity to participate in after school activities of their interest, clubs, and athletics.

Yorkville CUSD 115 Student Services Department has a positive and collaborative relationship with the staff and administration at the School of Expressive Arts and Learning. As we continue to provide services to our students and families that meet the diverse needs of our learners, we look forward to a continued relationship with the School of Expressive Arts and Learning in order to achieve the academic, functional, and transition related skills to benefit our students, families, and community.



Please feel free to contact me 630-553-4382 or [mlasky@y115.org](mailto:mlasky@y115.org) to answer any further questions about the benefits that School of Expressive Arts and Learning may provide to our students, families, and community.

Respectfully,

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