

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to you today as a proud member of the Edmore community, urging your support in keeping the Edmore School open and repurposing it as a vital community center. Our town, like so many small towns across North Dakota, is facing difficult times. We believe that with your help, we can transform this space into a cornerstone of growth, activity, and connection for our residents.

The funding we seek is critical in maintaining the operational costs of the school—covering essential needs like water, electricity, heat, and insurance. However, the true value of this funding lies in its potential to enable us to create a multi-purpose community hub that will benefit residents of all ages. This building has the opportunity to serve as much more than just a school: it can become a gymnasium for exercise and recreational activities, a workout space with fitness equipment, a senior center offering a safe and welcoming environment for our elderly community members, a golf simulator for entertainment, a community kitchen for shared meals and events, a library for learning, and even a formal venue for gatherings and celebrations.

The importance of this funding cannot be overstated. Without it, we risk losing an essential part of our town that could bring so much to our community. By repurposing the school, we would create a gathering place that fosters connection, learning, and wellbeing. The opportunities for engagement and enrichment would be invaluable, not just for Edmore, but for the surrounding area as well. This space could attract individuals and families from neighboring towns, making Edmore a more vibrant and resilient community.

In addition to meeting the immediate needs of our town, this project has the potential to reinvigorate Edmore, making it a place where people want to live, work, and raise families. Small towns like ours face the challenge of population decline and the loss of resources, but we believe this community center can be a key part of our solution. It would bring new opportunities to strengthen bonds, improve health, and promote social wellbeing.

I kindly ask for your support in ensuring that the Edmore School remains open and becomes a valuable community asset. By doing so, you will be helping us create a resource that will benefit Edmore for generations to come. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to discuss this proposal with you further and explore ways we can collaborate to make this vision a reality for our town.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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