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Dear Mr. Gibbens, Ms. Brinkman, and Ms. Andress,

On behalf of Dickinson High School (DHS), we are writing this letter to support the North Dakota Area Health Education Center (ND AHEC) Program, the Eastern and Western North Dakota Area Health Education Centers (Eastern ND AHEC, Western ND AHEC). The ND AHEC/Eastern/Western ND AHEC focuses on providing support across the health care workforce pipeline to address health care workforce shortages through distribution, diversity, supply, and quality health care professionals.

AHEC representatives, Denise Andress and Katie Shahan have traveled to visit DHS Health Science classes the last seven years. Denise and Katie bring the students stethoscopes to listen to Jack. Jack is a Sims pediatric mannequin. Students get to auscultate Jack's heart, lung, and bowel sounds. Jack can make vomiting, coughing, and moaning sounds. The students have fun and learn about physical examination techniques such as auscultation. Denise and Katie inform students about all the healthcare careers available to them in North Dakota. They do an outstanding job exposing students to the ND university programs that offer healthcare majors.

In closing, we would like to say that DHS is pleased to continue a relationship that is beneficial to us and the North Dakota Area Health Education Program and the Eastern/Western North Dakota Area Health Education Centers. We believe this support is worthy and meets the needs of future health care students and professional providers, rural communities, and quality health for North Dakota. Thank you.

Best regards,

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