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To Whom It May Concern:

Moorhead Area Public Schools is aware of and supportive of the City of Moorhead's request to extend the Five-Year Rule for development activities within the **Moorhead Center Redevelopment Tax Increment Finance District No. 31** to allow for ten years of development activity.

I serve on the Board of Directors of Downtown Moorhead Inc. and have been involved in the extensive downtown planning work our community has undertaken to develop the vision for downtown. Our downtown area, and the Moorhead Center Mall in particular, is significantly underutilized and has suffered as a result of national retail trends, including the closing of Herberger's Department stores around the country.

The bold vision for Downtown Moorhead considers consumer changes. I believe the extension of the Five-Year TIF Rule is prudent to ensure the viability of this large TIF District and will allow the community to redevelop its downtown with businesses, housing, and services that will serve Moorhead for generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brandon Lunak, Superintendent
Moorhead Area Public Schools