



STRENGTHENING SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH

July 28, 2022

Dear Drs. LeKeyah Wilson and Jeff Kaczorowski,

On behalf of the ROC the Future Alliance, we are excited to partner with you and your team on your proposed project for Monroe County ARPA Funding. This project will be a collaboration between UR Medicine/ Golisano Children's Health Center and Rochester Regional Health to establish a school-based telehealth infrastructure—providing telehealth services for behavioral health and medical care in all 46 Rochester City School District (RCSD) public schools—as well as to establish an additional 8 RCSD school-based mental health clinics (double the current number) over a 4-year period.

We have appreciated working alongside you both on the Whole Child Initiative, led and directed by parents and focused on improving outcomes across health, education, and human services for children and families 0 to 8 in the City of Rochester. Your work in this proposed project—focused on whole child health and in partnership with RCSD, community-based organizations, and parent/family partners and youth—significantly aligns with the work of the Whole Child Initiative. The proposed project also serves RCSD scholars across the age continuum, consistent with RTFA's broad focus on the cradle to career spectrum.

ROC the Future engages a group of over 30 Conveners that advise and support the work of the Alliance, including many of the community-based organizations that you propose to work with in this project. Further, our focus on parent and youth engagement, including but also extending beyond the Whole Child Initiative, can be instrumental in providing guidance regarding the needs of families in RCSD on these critical issues of whole child health, including mental health. We appreciate that you are offering paid leadership roles for parent/ family partners and youth to provide input and direct your approaches.

As you are aware, LeKeyah is a member of our Whole Child Core Team, and this aligned project will provide opportunities for communication, shared work, and synergy. Dr K is a member of our School Readiness Outcome Team and a Convener with The Children's Agenda, and this project will enable a shared vision and practical approaches to coordinating and strengthening work on behalf of our children and youth in RCSD. We are aware of the tremendous impacts of mental health on the educational success and well-being of our students, and therefore, we appreciate your coordination of work across the entire pediatric community as well as aligning with RTFA to help.





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Thank you for elevating the health needs of our Rochester youth who are impacted by violence, racism, and many other inequities. We believe that our systems must be transformed to better meet the needs of our children and families, and this project will be a considerable step in that direction. ROC the Future will be on this journey with you, and we are excited for both your partnership and your caring commitment to the many families we cherish, learn from, and strive to do better by.

Sincerely,

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Jackie Campbell Director, ROC the Future