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To Whom It May Concern:

As Superintendent of Moore County Schools, I am supportive of The Friends of the Aberdeen Library's initiative to open a new library for the Town of Aberdeen, which, among other benefits, would continue to promote literacy in our surrounding area. Literacy (reading, writing, listening, speaking, using conventional or technology-based media) is essential for life success, and Moore County Schools is dedicated to strengthening this fundamental skill in its students and supporting community organizations that share this commitment.

The Friends of the Aberdeen Library has a clear and detailed vision to build a new library in the Town of Aberdeen to serve the needs of our community. During a recent meeting with representatives from The Friends of the Aberdeen Library, I was pleased to learn that the proposed new library would be affiliated with the Sandhills Regional Library System. During its 52-year history, the Sandhills Regional Library System has served five counties and has won more than 20 state and national awards for its programming and leadership. Moore County Library System's continued partnership with the Sandhills Regional Library System would support the success of the proposed Aberdeen Library.

Every library in the Moore County Library System strengthens our community by offering services that include access to the Internet, interlibrary loans, children and adult programming, meeting space, genealogy resources, online services, and fax and copy equipment. At no charge to the citizens of Moore County, the proposed Aberdeen Library would promote reading and literacy, offer after-school and summer program and activities, make accessible printed and electronic materials, and offer adult educational programs.

I strongly endorse the efforts of The Friends of the Aberdeen Library, and Moore County Schools looks forward to the additional literacy support the proposed new Aberdeen Library would provide the citizens we serve.

Sincerely,

Superintendent

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