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MCJROTC

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Dear Mr. Paul Jornet:

I am writing to formally request the establishment of a new Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps detachment at Fernley High School in Nevada. As a School Board Trustee and Marine Corps Combat Veteran, I am deeply aware of the positive impact that a MC JROTC program would have on our students and community at large.

With the increasing demand for programs that support character development, leadership and personal accountability, we believe that a JROTC detachment will provide invaluable opportunities for our students to engage in positive activities and learn critical life skills.

Our school district and our community prioritize the development of skills, alongside academic knowledge, that the workforce is asking for, which better prepares our students for all the complexities they'll face, no matter the path they choose after education. We call it Portrait of a Learner and we've made it our mission. Like the Marine Corps, we too take our mission and our loyalty to our students as sacred. This community and these students deserve our best efforts, which is why we seek the best partnerships. There can be no doubt that partnering with the Marine Corps, based on your traditions, values and legacy makes the best team approach.

We understand that creating a new detachment involves careful planning and coordination, and we are fully committed to collaborating with every stakeholder needed to ensure its success. In fact, we would not be prepared to move forward at this stage without the complete support and backing of many major community stakeholders, to include Major General Niel E "Rick" Nelson (USMC Ret) who is currently in the process of transitioning our small bedroom community into a major data and logistics hub. Rick fully believes in this mission of bringing a MC JROTC program to our area of Nevada, because he sees what we see: a very patriotic community that is eager to enhance our youth with the values of leadership, patriotism and integrity.

I appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to the opportunity to discuss how we can move forward with establishing an MC JROTC detachment in Fernley, NV (The only one that would exist in all of Northern Nevada!) Feel free to reach me at dfarr@lyoncsd.org to arrange a meeting or to discuss this proposal further.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter,

Sincerely,

Darin Farr
School Board Trustee- District II Fernley
Lyon County School District