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Dr. Weikle and Unit 5 Board of Education Members,

It is with immense pride that I have the opportunity to recognize the Eugene Field School SS1 Program. Due to the specialized instructional needs of our students while attending high school, many of our students are unable to successfully participate in the diverse career and technical education courses offered through Unit 5 and the Bloomington Career Academy. At Eugene Field, our goal is to provide our students with the necessary life experiences to help them identify their strengths and interests to guide their adult decision making and job exploration. This past month, Marissa Frietsch in collaboration with Scott Frietsch and Mike Rediger with Eagle Crest Services developed an instructional construction unit. Combining the construction expertise of Eagle Crest Services and Marissa's expertise with designing specialized instruction they were able to implement a successful unit leaving students feeling more confident in their abilities with immense pride in their work. Students not only learned about various construction tools and concepts but each student engaged in hands-on learning through the use of tools and the construction of a project. Many of these students had never used a power tool before and it was absolutely amazing watching their confidence grow with each session. Some students are now exploring continued education options in the skilled trades through Heartland Community College. The team is looking forward to many more projects such as this in the future!

At this time I would like to recognize the following individuals, as well as any students in attendance, for their time, dedication, and never ending patience during the implementation of this project:

- Scott Frietsch, Eagle Crest Services
- Mike Rediger, Eagle Crest Services
- Marissa Frietsch, SS1 Teacher
- Karen Walker, SS1 Teacher
- Tara Alcozar, SS1 Paraprofessional
- Glenda Gangler, SS1 Paraprofessional

Sincerely,
Kim Mackinson
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