



The Family Resource Center of Northeast Mississippi

November 17, 2014

Dr. Gearl Loden, Superintendent
Tupelo Public Schools
PO Box 557
Tupelo, MS 38802

RE: The Family Resource Center of Northeast Mississippi

Dear Dr. Loden:

The Family Resource Center of Northeast Mississippi (the FRC) and the Tupelo Public School District have partnered for the last 16 years to support and promote healthy families in our community. The FRC provides resources for the Tupelo Public School District students and families by supplying information and materials in the schools as well as classroom presentations. We also present workshops for students on topics such as manners, bullying, character education, internet safety, healthy relationships, domestic violence and child abuse.

The FRC houses one of only 5 accredited Children's Advocacy Centers in Mississippi. In this day and time, it is extremely important that child abuse victims have a place to go so that they will be heard and their abuse can be stopped and not swept under the rug. Every child or adolescent in Tupelo who has allegedly been sexually abused, physically abused or who has witnessed a crime is brought to our center. Our well trained staff provides forensic interviews, assists in filling out and filing victim's rights forms, provides counseling for the victim and the non offending care giver, provides court advocacy for the victim and family and follows the victim through the entire process until the perpetrator pleads guilty or goes to court.

Last year, \$7,000 was set aside in the Tupelo School District budget for the continuation of our partnership. This money is extremely vital to the FRC and is a tremendous help in covering some of the cost in providing our services to families in the Tupelo Public School District. Many students in this District are being referred to our center through the Department of Human Services, youth court, school counselors and teachers. We know that the FRC positively impacts the lives of the children and families that are referred to our center; however, without the continuing support from the Tupelo Public School District, it would be very difficult for us to continue our mission. We are therefore asking that you approve our request for this money.

If additional information is necessary please contact me at cwebb@frcnms.org or 662-844-0013. Please stop by and visit our center at any time. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,


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Executive Director
cc: Ms. Linda Pannell

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