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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the City Council of the City of Gustavus, I am providing this letter of support for the Chatham School District's USDA RUS Distance Learning & Telemedicine (RUS-DLT) grant application. I am pleased to see the Chatham School District moving forward with learning programs that reach beyond the classroom using distance learning.

The RUS-DLT grant will allow our students to take college classes and possibly receive a degree. Through the use of distance learning, students and community members will be able to interact with faculty, access coursework, and experience this innovative educational program. The program will also prepare our students for the future by having opportunities to careers that otherwise would be difficult to attain from a remote community.

Sincerely,


Calvin Casipit, Mayor