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Dear Board of Directors, Minnesota Cycling Center, Inc.

Minneapolis Public Schools is pleased to express our support for the Minnesota Cycling Center (MCC), an indoor velodrome/multi-purpose facility proposed to be built in Northeast Minneapolis. We understand the MCC's mission and purpose is to provide an indoor climate controlled venue for athletic and entertainment events for everyone from neighborhood groups to internationally known athletes and performers.

We believe that the MCC facility, easily accessible by bicycle or bus from MPS sites, could provide a perfect destination for the following:

- a practice facility for middle school and high school athletic teams
- a tournament facility that could host numerous field/court orientated athletic events with ample spectator seating
- after school and day time field trip opportunities for learning to construct and repair bicycles, riding the velodrome track with MCC-supplied track bikes, learning BMX skills, as well as "field/court" sports

The Mission of the Athletics Department is to create opportunities for students to participate in sports, have contact with supportive adults, learn 'soft' skills necessary for success in college/career, and to enhance their educational experience. MPS Athletics can better support that Mission by complementing school facilities with this multi-purpose facility.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for the Minnesota Cycling Center.

Sincerely,

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District Director of Athletics