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Greetings,

This is a letter of support for the Dual Credit Culinary Program located at Northside High School. This program utilizes the talent and skills of credentialed faculty like Chef Claude Philpot to provide college courses to students while they are completing their high school diploma. There are 52 students currently enrolled in the program. The goal for these students is to confer a Tarrant County College Culinary Arts Certificate by the time they graduate from high school.

The academic rigor of the program is maintained through a close relationship between the high school teachers and the department and faculty leadership at Tarrant County College. The Northside High School culinary teachers have been credentialed as college professors through a thorough review of their work experiences and education by the culinary department at Tarrant County College. Course materials, professional development, and quarterly reviews by college administrators are important components of creating an academic environment at Northside High School that closely mirrors that of the academic experience for culinary students at the Tarrant County College Southeast campus.

This is an excellent opportunity for these students to complete their high school experience ready for the workforce or to continue their academic journey. The program provides them with real world knowledge by chef instructors with experience and involvement in the industry.

Sincerely,

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To Whom It May Concern,

I write today in support of North Side High School's application for the Excellence in Action Award. North Side and their culinary arts program have been a reliable and engaged school partner to FitWorth for many years.

The work product put forth by North Side High School students is outstanding and is evidence of high quality educational programming. In the Fall of 2017, North Side students took first place in two of three categories in a healthy culinary competition hosted by FitWorth. The school has also faithfully represented FitWorth at community functions.

I am happy to support their Excellence in Action award application and am proud of the work they are doing in Fort Worth. I hope that you will find their work worthy of this award and urge you to give North Side High School's application your consideration.

Sincerely,

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter of support for Fort Worth Independent School District's, North Side HS Culinary program who is participating in Medical City Children's Hospital Kids Fit Menu program.

The Kids Fit Menu program is designed to educate Texas ProStart® students in better nutrition and engage them with the restaurant industry in creating healthful menu items for kids. Chef Philpot and 3 of his students are currently competing against 4 other teams for a spot on the Kids Fit Menu at a national restaurant chain, On The Border.

Throughout this program, the culinary students are taught to read food labels, write recipes and calculate nutrition facts for recipes. Students are educated and mentored by a MCCH Registered Dietitian and the corporate Chef from On The Border and then taxed with doing the research and development for Kids Fit Meals that meet stringent nutrition criteria. Students do a timed, live cooking demonstration of their meals for the restaurant leadership on the day of competition.

The Kids Fit Menu program aligns to career-ready expectations and provides meaningful work-based learning experiences that help prepare students for a lifetime of career success.

Sincerely,

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