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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Pembina Trails School Division, I wish to express our support and appreciation of the Horse Connection Inc. programming. Since the establishment of our partnership with Horse Connection Inc. in 2001, the program has gradually expanded to include more middle years students with a variety of social, emotional, behavioural and academic needs.

The Horse Connection staff have provided a great deal of support to these students above and beyond programming expectations and have formed positive relationships with the six school staffs who have students involved in the programming. Through the students' work with the horses, and with guidance and instruction from the staff, the students have demonstrated growth in many areas including anger/self-management, communication, self-confidence, problem-solving and leadership skills.

Pembina Trails School Division will continue to partner with this valuable program given the benefits and outcomes demonstrated for our at risk youth. If additional information is required, I can be contacted by phone at 488-1767, ext. 1218 or by email: esourisseau@pembinatrails.ca.

Yours sincerely,

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