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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing a letter of support for the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Rochester (BBBSR) that I have been actively involved with over the last several years. The BBBSR team has been working with my employer (L3Harris Technologies) for over 6 years now matching people like myself with students at School 28 in the Rochester city to promote Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). With the effort that the BBBSR team puts in I've been able to be a Big and see firsthand very positive relationships being built and hearing the future workforce understand that they can do so much within our city and surrounding communities. Through the STEM activities that we do such as building paper airplanes to understand how things like drag and thrust work to constructing a bridge to look at how different shapes have different levels of static force that they can hold, these children show sparks of interest in science and math activities. Without the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, these students would have never experienced something like this and would not have realized that there are so many career possibilities for their future.

I have personally been a Big now to two Little Brothers and I know that they benefit from our relationship, however I am benefiting just as much, if not more, in learning about myself and from them. If there is a way to expand this program further to others like myself, it would only make Rochester a greater and stronger community that will continue to thrive now and into the future. I am a strong believer that investing in our youth is one of the best, if not the best, way to ensure future success for our community and that is exactly what BBBSR does today and will continue for many years to come.

Thank you and if you have any further questions at all or need additional information on how positively the BBBSR program has affected L3Harris, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

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To whom it may concern,

In the Greece Central School District, we are committed to building a culture of high standards, engagement, and supportive relationships. We provide equitable access to opportunities for all students to pursue their full potential and become healthy, productive citizens who are actively involved in their communities.

For the last three years, we have enjoyed the opportunity to partner with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Rochester. Our high school “bigs” and elementary school “littles” have developed meaningful relationships and connections during their weekly meetings. The students look forward to their Big Brothers Big Sisters day all week long!

We are in full support of the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. As an organization, we are always looking for opportunities to expand our partnership. The social emotional learning skills developed through the program are unmatched. Every district in the area should be so lucky as to partner with the organization.

Best regards,

Kelly Spurduto

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