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Honorable Joanne Cunningham
Chairwoman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street
Room 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham,

The Department of Mental Health respectfully requests permission to award \$25,000 in Opioid Settlement Funding to LaSalle School in response to their proposal for funding through RFP #2026-086 Opioid Settlement Funded Mini-Grants. LaSalle will use the funds to implement an evidence-based neurofeedback program focused on substance use disorder and trauma recovery.

LaSalle School provides an array of services to youth and families and is fully licensed by NYS OASAS, OMH, OCFS and the Department of Education. Their services include substance use disorder prevention, treatment and recovery support, along with mental health treatment and trauma recovery support.

The requested Mini-Grant will be used to support staff training and service implementation on a neurofeedback approach for substance use and trauma recovery. Neurofeedback can support individuals with SUD by helping them to better understand and influence their own brain activity to reduce cravings, increase emotional regulation and executive function control. This approach will be implemented as part of LaSalle's comprehensive approach to substance use disorder treatment, which includes counseling, peer support and medication-assisted treatment.

Feel free to contact me or Adam Kirkman if you have any questions concerning this request.

Sincerely,

Stephen Giordano, Ph.D.
Director

cc: Hon. Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
Hon. Frank A. Mauriello, Minority Leader
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