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U.S. Representative Jason Crow  
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Dear U.S. Representative Crow,

This letter serves to document community support for Adams-Arapahoe School District 28J, doing business as Aurora Public Schools (APS), in its application for Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) funding for Fiscal Year 2027. The requested funding will support the demolition and environmental cleanup of Laredo Elementary's outdated building, allowing the site to be transformed into a safe, modern learning and outdoor space for students and the community.

Laredo Elementary has served as a pillar of the community since 1967, serving approximately 400 students annually. Today, more than half of the campus—including the original building—falls within an Accident Potential Zone due to its proximity to Buckley Space Force Base, preventing the comprehensive modernization needed to meet current educational standards.

Aurora Public Schools has committed \$52 million to construct a new Laredo Elementary on the existing site, entirely outside the restricted zone. The final phase of the project includes demolishing and remediating the outdated building and transforming the area into a safe, engaging outdoor learning and play space.

The City of Aurora proudly supports Aurora Public Schools in this funding request. The CDS request will provide \$950,000 toward the total project cost of \$52 million, to support the demolition and environmental abatement of the obsolete facility, allowing the site to be transformed into a safe, modern learning and outdoor space for students and the broader community.

Sincerely,

Michael Coffman, Mayor  
Aurora, Colorado