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## MADISON METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT



### LOWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Lisa Kvistad, *Principal*

Daniel A. Nerad, *Superintendent of Schools*

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To Whom It May Concern,

As principal of Lowell Elementary School in the Madison Metropolitan School District, I fully support the Goodman Community Center's 2010 level funding. Lowell is a school with 55% of its students coming from low-income families and the Goodman Community Center plays an important role in the health, care and development of children and families within our neighborhoods. Although I am not able to be physically present at tonight's meeting, I have seen first hand the quality of programming and services provided by the Goodman Community Center, and I believe that it is critically important to continue their funding to sustain this important work. The support Goodman provides for our children, particularly our children from low-income families, is vital to their success both in school and in the community.

Quality, licensed and accredited childcare is in great demand in the Lowell neighborhood. It is important for our children to build their social and cognitive skills during this challenging "after school" time, when many families struggle to find safe and structured care. Goodman provides a safe, organized and healthy environment for many children. The Goodman Community Center works collaboratively with Lowell Elementary School so that there is a seamless transition between school-hours and after school time.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further details or information. It is truly an honor to work with the Goodman Community Center and they continue their one and only focus – support for children and families when it is needed most.

Regards,

Lisa Kvistad  
Principal, Lowell Elementary School