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Transforming Arkansas to lead the nation in student-focused education

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To Whom It May Concern:

The stated goal of the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education is “transforming Arkansas to lead the nation in student-focused education”. We are happy to support and recommend the Dolly Parton Imagination Library as a resource to champion universal access for communities to receive high quality books for every child in our state.

Each month, the Dolly Parton Imagination Library mails a high quality, age appropriate book to all registered children from birth to age 5. It is addressed to the child, and it is provided at no cost to their family.

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library is a key element in the Reading Initiative for Student Excellence in Arkansas (R.I.S.E. Arkansas) that encourages a culture of reading in the state. The R.I.S.E. Arkansas program coordinates community partners, parents, teachers, and students to establish the importance of reading in homes, schools, and communities. Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library is a great partner for this program!

The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education is committed to collaborating with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, school districts, communities, and parents to develop best practices and support for R.I.S.E. Arkansas.

Sincerely,

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