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Dear Superintendent NAME,

In 1995, Dolly Parton launched her Imagination Library to benefit the children of her home county in East Tennessee. Dolly’s vision was to foster a love of reading among preschool children by providing them with the gift of an age-appropriate book each month. As a local affiliate of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL), the AFFILIATE NAME’s mission is to increase literacy by ensuring all young children in NAME/AREA County may participate in the Imagination Library program.

DPIL is an evidenced-based, best-practice program (Library of Congress, 2021 & 2014) that helps to prepare children for kindergarten and later academic success. Impressive program results report that children enrolled in the program score significantly higher in reading comprehension and vocabulary measures than their peers - not only in kindergarten but also in second and third grades (Samiei, S., 2015). In addition, the DPIL program fosters a love of reading and encourages parents to read aloud to their children daily. As a result, the program helps promote pre-literacy skills and creates a culture of reading at home.

In 2019, research was conducted in Arkansas, and the data analysis demonstrated that enrollment in the Imagination Library decreases retention, and increases kindergarten readiness and student achievement. The results revealed that DPIL students are 24% less likely to be required to repeat kindergarten than non-DPIL and 28% less likely to be held back in third grade than non-DPIL students. In addition, DPIL students are 18.26% more likely to score ready or exceeding on the ACT Aspire than non-DPIL students. Please see the attached document for more research highlights.

AFFILIATE would like to partner with the NAME School District to increase enrollment and

respectfully requests $AMOUNT to enroll families in your district in the program. NAME/ AREA County currently has NUMBER children enrolled in the Imagination Library program, or ##% of the total 0 to 5 population (NUMBER). Of those enrolled, ### children live in the NAME School District.

I look forward to your consideration of our request. I will be pleased to submit additional information or answer any questions you may have. Please do not hesitate to contact me at NUMBER or EMAIL.

Sincerely,

NAME

TITLE

AFFILIATE