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Kristin Harrington
Executive Director
Youth Solutions Inc.
330 West Main St.
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Dear Ms. Harrington.

On behalf of the Berrien County Sheriff's Office, I am writing to express support for the Inspiring Futures. Benton Harbor effort and its work to bring together a robust collection of local leaders, including Berrien County Sheriff's Office Deputy Vanessa Williams. As an engaged member of the Benton Harbor community, we understand the need to design a cross-sector collaborative due to the scope of this work. We are excited to play our part in creating seamless high-quality student programming resulting in long-term student and career success.

The Berrien County Sheriff's Office is a progressive, technologically advanced agency geared to meet the needs of the residents of Berrien County. As a leader in law enforcement and corrections programs, our members provide solid proven service to the community. The mission of the Berrien County Sheriff's Office is to enforce the laws of the state and county, safeguard life and property, prevent and detect crime, preserve the peace, and protect the rights of all citizens. We will serve all citizens with fairness, integrity, respect, and compassion without discrimination of any individuals or groups.

The Inspiring Futures: Benton Harbor project will focus directly on programs targeting youth that have been disenfranchised and need new educational opportunities for future success. Aligning these programs into a network that includes the right interventions, at the right times, with the right partners will create lasting, meaningful, and substantive opportunities for all students of the region. These goals directly align with the aims of the Berrien County Sheriff's Office and we are eager to be a collaborative voice in this most important work. It is my pleasure to **wholeheartedly endorse the Inspiring Futures: Benton Harbor project and commit to its success.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L. Paul Bailey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "L" and a long, trailing "y".

L. Paul Bailey
Sheriff
Berrien County Sheriff's Office