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Decas School Steering Committee
c/o Diane Kenney, Chair

Decas for Wareham
c/o Leslie Edwards Davis
8 Trinity Lane
Wareham, MA 02571

Dear Ms. Kenney and Ms. Edwards Davis,

On behalf of Gateway ABA Therapy LLC, I am writing to express our support and hopes for partnership in regards to the Decas for Wareham vision of repurposing the Decas Elementary School to a multipurpose community center.

Gateway ABA Therapy LLC is a home-based and center-based ABA service dedicated to providing high quality ABA services to individuals with Autism within the Wareham community and surrounding towns. Gateway ABA was founded in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic when myself and my business partner, Jeanne Reece, saw many local area ABA companies put profits over patients. Over the last two years, our company has grown to almost 40 employees and continues to grow and expand at a rapid rate. One area of this growth includes opening our first clinic-based service center located at 53 Marion Road, Unit 2, Wareham, MA 02571. We opened this space to services on January 31, 2022 and are already reaching our capacity and looking to expand.

In addition to our clinic-based services, we are in the process of collaborating with the Wareham Head Start program to help meet their need for ABA services for students with Autism while also providing individuals with the support needed to be successful within the classroom setting, creating success for years to come. Within our clinic, we offer an integrated preschool setting with 2-3 peer models and with the collaboration of Wareham Head Start, we will be able to expand our preschool integration to help support even more children and their families that reside in Wareham. As Autism is now being diagnosed at a rate of 1 in 56, the number of individuals needing ABA services within Wareham and surrounding towns will continue to increase and we would like to be able to provide services to those in need. ABA services are covered by health insurance and we are contracted with most commercial providers as well as MBHP and Beacon for Medicaid and Medicare services.

It is our intention to begin by renting 2-3 classrooms year round within the Decas building with the opportunity to rent more classroom spaces as we continue to expand. We would look for access to main areas such as the gymnasium and lunch room as well as access to the playground. An area of growth that we are looking to develop in as well is running a Summer Camp program for individuals who maintain an Autism Diagnosis as we have seen so many children struggle to succeed in a "typical" camp program, but with the right support, can flourish and gain lifelong skills and friendships.

We hope with this letter of intentions, we provide additional support for the importance of the Decas for All vision and the positive impact this collaboration would have for individuals with Autism and their families within the Wareham community.



Kindly,

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Melissa Rigby
Co- Owner, Chief Executive Officer

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeanne Reece".

Jeanne Reece
Co-Owner, Chief Clinical Officer