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Jean Brown  
Dean of Upgrading  
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Dear Jean Brown,

The Municipality of French River is pleased to provide the following letter of support on behalf of ALPHA en Partage de Sudbury Est, incorporated in 1998.


This non-profit group has been operating in St. Charles and offering vital services and programs to our adult citizens and helping them to obtain basic literacy skills. These are opportunities that are not offered elsewhere in the education system in our region. The programs have proved to be very successful and beneficial to all the municipalities it serves.

In 2004, ALPHA en Partage entered into a partnership with Cambrian College which allowed their clients to achieve their grade 12 equivalency or upgrade their skills to the level that is required as a prerequisite for the post secondary program of their choice. In May of 2012, Cambrian College advised ALPHA that it will no longer fund the education levels that allow adult learners to complete the program and become ACE graduates.

The cost to continue the program is not substantial, but is imperative to the long term sustainability of literacy training in our area. As a local government entity, we understand that there is a need to trim budgets; however, at this time, it would be truly detrimental to lose the funding for the literacy training program. The Sudbury East Municipalities are situated in a vast remote area where public transportation is not available. Manitoulin Sudbury District Social Services Administration Board supplies, and ALPHA facilitates, transportation for their clients within this region.

We urge you to continue to support this group with funding that will allow the continuation of literacy training in our region, and we thank you for your consideration.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Municipal Office.

  
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