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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express our support for Roaring Fork Valley Early Learning Fund's participation in the Raising A Reader application for a grant under the Investing In Innovation Fund (i3).

The Raising a Reader program has been an important partner to the Garfield RE-16 School District early childhood classrooms for the past several years. Our District works with a diverse population including families with young children whose parents may not have the skills to provide their children with early learning experiences, specifically literacy experiences, which are crucial to later school success. Our parents are often unaware of the importance of talking to and reading to young children. The resources Raising a Reader provides, coupled with the hard work of our early childhood teachers, results in children and parents who read more and are excited about books. The program has had a noticeable impact on our families. We are grateful to be part of the Raising a Reader program and hope to collaborate with this program for many years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca Ruland".

Rebecca Ruland  
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