



March 12, 2018

To the members of the Gulf Coast Triumph Board:

Please consider this Bay Medical Sacred Heart's letter of support for Bay District Schools' Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. Trust Fund Grant application for several training projects. The projects include a Welding Workforce Training Lab, the Industrial Pipefitter Program and a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Training Center.

Bay District Schools has done a good job of preparing its 27,000 students for the next phase of their lives. Many students graduate with high honors and will pursue higher and advanced education degrees to ensure their success in their chosen fields. We know, however, that college is not available to or desired by every student, and with such a diverse student population, we recognize the need of the school district to enhance student opportunities by offering technical and trade options to assist our area graduates in finding employment locally after they graduate.

Funding for a Welding Workforce Training Lab, the Industrial Pipefitter Program and a STEM Training Center just makes good sense, and will help ensure our schools have the resources to further develop a viable workforce pipeline. The hospital will need workers trained in these particular areas. Bay Medical Sacred Heart fully endorses Bay District Schools' goals and trust you will consider the district's application as a good use of these grant funds.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H Evans", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Heath Evans  
Interim CEO