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Mapleton Public Schools' commitment is to ensure that each student is empowered to achieve his or her dreams and contribute to his or her community and world. To accomplish this mission we need the strength of a community.

We believe that the quality of a community relies on a balanced, "all-hands" approach from parents, neighbors, businesses, private/nonprofit organizations and government. We agree that this requires dialogue and planning and appreciate that the county has initiated a process to allow community involvement in this type of planning. It is our hope that we continue to develop a plan that benefits the short- and long-term interests of this community.

Safe routes to schools within our community, in addition to safe neighborhoods, should be a priority of any area plan. We also have shared interests in recreational opportunities for our children and families, such as community and recreation centers.

We agree that a strong business community relies on residential, commercial, and industrial development. We also believe that strong schools contribute directly to healthy, vibrant communities. To that end, we hope that the planning process continues and ensures that any plan reflects both short- and long-term goals that will benefit the community as a whole.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads 'Charlotte Ciancio'.

Charlotte Ciancio, Superintendent  
Mapleton Public Schools