

Our mission is to inspire and empower people with neurodiversity to learn, thrive and succeed. *Our vision* is a world where independence is possible for the neurodiverse.

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Chairman Robert Kapusta, Esq. Pinellas County Educational Facilities Authority c/o Fisher & Sauls, P.A. 100 Second Avenue South, Suite 701 St. Petersburg, Florida 33731

Re: Pinellas County Educational Facilities Authority | Learning Independence for Tomorrow Inc. (LiFT)

Dear Chairman Kapusta,

Learning Independence for Tomorrow Inc. (LiFT) | dba LiFT Academy (the "Borrower" and the "School") is a Florida non-profit corporation and a 501(c)(3) entity for purposes of federal tax law. The Borrower owns LiFT Academy (the "School"), an independent educational organization located in the City of Seminole in Pinellas County, Florida. The School has an enrollment of nearly 150 students and is committed to its mission of inspiring and empowering people with neurodiversity to learn, thrive, and succeed.

To accommodate the growing demand for the services provided by LiFT Academy, the School will be constructing a new campus (the "Project") in Clearwater, Florida to double its capacity and serve more than 300 students. For the Project, the School is purchasing a 7.13-acre property from the YMCA of the Suncoast. The property includes an existing building which will undergo various renovations to add additional capacity of 60,000 square feet. Due to current conditions in the bond market, we believe that it will be advantageous for us to incur debt in order to purchase these facilities. We are therefore writing to respectfully request that the Pinellas County Educational Facilities Authority (the "Authority") assist us in this financing in order to have the bonds issued on our behalf. If acceptable to the Authority, we have chosen Zions Bank Public Finance to serve as Placement Agent for the bonds.

We hereby respectfully request that the Authority hold its January meeting to consider our financing needs for these educational facilities. For that meeting, we would provide further information for the agenda package in advance of the meeting. Meanwhile, if you have questions regarding the foregoing or need additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincere Shafyn Maugle, MPA

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