November XX, 2023

The Honourable Demetrios Nicolaides Minister of Advanced Education Government of Alberta

Dear Minister Nicolaides,

Re: <u>Letter of Support – Application for Charter School Status</u> <u>Footprints for Learning Academy</u>

On behalf of Airdrie City Council, I am pleased to provide a letter in support of the charter school application submitted by Footprints for Learning Academy. Council and I believe that the approval of this charter school will be a significant and positive development for our community.

Footprints for Learning Academy's vision and approach to education align with the values and aspirations of Airdrie. The school's commitment to providing students with a holistic education, integrating entrepreneurship and fostering a global mindset is a commendable endeavor. It is essential that our community prepares our students for the ever-changing world and Footprints for Learning Academy's mission reflects this commitment.

As a Council, we have continuously strived to represent the interests and long-term priorities of our city. We are dedicated to the growth and development of Airdrie and believe that innovative approaches to education, like the one proposed by Footprints for Learning Academy, contribute significantly to our city's progress.

The inclusion of the program at Footprints for Learning Academy, which empowers students with both technical and essential soft skills, is particularly noteworthy. It emphasizes teamwork, problem-solving, collaboration and communication - qualities that we value in our community and our future leaders.

We wholeheartedly endorse this charter school application and believe that it has the potential to make a lasting and positive impact on our community. Council and I look forward to the opportunity to collaborate with Footprints for Learning Academy and to witness the positive influence it will have on Airdrie and its residents.

Yours truly,

Peter Brown Mayor