



Mt. Zion Community Unit School District #3

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Re: Surgery Center Letter of Support

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Mt Zion Center for Surgery in Mt. Zion, IL. As the superintendent of schools for the Mt. Zion Community Unit School District #3, I'm well aware of the positive impact this state-of-the-art surgery center could have on our community. With 2,400 students in our schools, we see many sports injuries that require surgery. Additionally, the older population in our community would benefit as much as, or more than, our students. I have also experienced our community receiving professional and necessary care and treatment at the Decatur Orthopedic Center, but the addition of the Center for Surgery can and would provide that next level of service that our community needs.

This Mt. Zion Center for Surgery would provide vital access to high-quality medical care for our community without the required and dreaded hospital visits. In our community, hospitals are much farther away, have more sick people visiting than they can handle, have higher costs without another choice, and are not welcoming places for treatments that can be done elsewhere. Additionally, the quality of care would be improved because the staff in the Center for Surgery would be employed, experienced, and focused on that specific type of care, versus employees being moved all around the hospital to assist with anything and everything that comes in. Therefore, accessibility, quality of care, and specialized services all improve for our community with this proposal.

Personally and professionally, I would be very grateful for the services this proposal could provide. To reiterate, the Mt. Zion Center for Surgery will be a valuable asset to our community, and I urge you to support its development and operations.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Travis Roundcount', written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Travis R. Roundcount
Superintendent of Schools
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