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Dear Ms. Gottschlich,

I am writing on behalf of the City of Gustavus, Alaska to express our sincere appreciation for the work of Public Health Nurses Sue Pridgen-Webb and Claire Geldhof. Both healthcare professionals have helped our town navigate the troubled waters of the SARS COVID-19 pandemic.

Sue laid the foundation for the positive relationship between the City of Gustavus and the Public Health Nurse office. She provided our town with information and guidance from the beginning of the pandemic by speaking at our City Council Meetings and participating in our town hall meeting about the pandemic in June. She has made herself available for countless hours of communications with our Fire Chief / EOC manager Travis Miller since the onset of the pandemic in March. We were fortunate to have such a close working relationship with Sue. We would not be as well prepared as we are today without of her guidance.

Nurse Geldhof has built on the foundation laid by Nurse Pridgen-Webb. Claire has put forth tremendous effort to help our community and school mitigate the threat of COVID-19. She has not only offered a vast menu of mitigation options but has also worked with tact and sensitivity that acknowledges diverse community viewpoints on how to respond to the current health emergency. I have seen her commitment to community wellbeing and school safety demonstrated during her involvement in bi-weekly Zoom meetings between Chatham School District staff and Emergency Operations staff from the City of Gustavus. She has been an important resource for the City and has always been available for consultation and creative solutions.

We appreciate the efforts of all the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services during this unprecedented and challenging pandemic. Thank you for your work.

Sincerely,

Brittney Cannamore
Mayor, City of Gustavus