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To Whom It May Concern:

As Professor of Education and Director of the *Courage to Teach*® program at Dominican University of California, I am thrilled to offer this letter of support for the Ipso School. Our program strives to prepare educators for 21st Century learning environments that put students at the center of their own education. We prepare teachers to differentiate their instruction for the diverse needs of their students. We believe that all students are capable of achieving at high levels, and it is our duty as educators to ensure that all students thrive.

Our program is aligned with the philosophical and pedagogical approach of the Ipso School and we believe it will provide an innovative school model for the students of Marin. As they plan to offer professional development opportunities to the broader educational community and serve as a lab school, we see an opportunity for our organizations to learn together in the following ways:

- Dominican University students could partner with Ipso Staff and students to conduct educational research (with the consent of students and their families).
- Dominican University students could serve as student teachers and interns during their teacher preparation program.
- Dominican University students could participate in professional development opportunities and instructional rounds at Ipso School to identify areas of strength and improvement.
- Dominican University students can share their experiences with the broader educational community.

We see education as a human right and want to support initiatives that directly address opportunity gaps in our community. We are impressed by the educational model that the Ipso School has designed and hope to collaborate with them as they continue to plan and launch this new school. I strongly encourage the approval of the Ipso School charter so that students and educators in our community have access to this innovative school model.

Sincerely,

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