

## Glencoe School District #35

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Dr. Catherine Wang Superintendent

Dear Foundation United leadership,

We are pleased to share this letter of support for the resources and materials provided by The Foundation United to address child abuse and exploitation. Working with the team members, our staff were trained and able to easily implement shared resources within our health education courses. The Foundation United team was open to feedback and provided well-defined resources on the risk factors and indicators of child exploitation. Our teachers were given tools to recognize potential cases of exploitation, as well as offer age-appropriate safety education programs for students to raise awareness of the issue.

While using the *Empowered-Speak Up* resources in our seventh and eighth grade program, our students were engaged in the scenarios and thoughtfully responded to the content. The lessons designed around intuition and gaslighting were well-matched to the developmental needs of our students. These learning experiences allowed our staff to more closely monitor student responses and consider additional student needs.

The resources provided have improved our ability to strengthen the protective factors, instill common language, and ensure a supportive school community. Thank you for your ongoing dedication and commitment to design resources to support our youth.

Sincerely,

Catherine Wang