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Building Lives Through Tennis & Education

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Dear Red Clay Community Member,

As Executive Director of Rodney Street Tennis and Tutoring Association (RodneyStreet), an anchor partner of The Red Clay Consolidated School District, it is with great enthusiasm and support that I speak on the district capital and operating referendum set to be held on Wednesday, February 28th.

At RodneyStreet, a sports-based youth development program, our motto of building lives through tennis and education brings with it the critical understanding of the resources and tools needed to make an impact on the lives of children throughout New Castle County, Delaware.

Capital funding is necessary throughout district schools for building maintenance, repairs, renovations, and new construction of enhanced learning environments for Pre-K through high school students. Operating funding makes quality education possible through the retention and attraction of highly skilled and committed teachers.

Working with Red Clay Summer School in 2023 as a tennis and SEL program provider, RodneyStreet administration and staff witnessed firsthand the dedication and responsibility with which the district manages taxpayer resources and addresses maintenance issues.

RodneyStreet was founded in 1978 with the goal of providing quality out-of-school programs for at-risk youth in and around the City of Wilmington. Our founders realized many youth did not have access to the supports and services needed to achieve their personal potential. Tennis could help at-risk children by instilling a lifelong love of the sport, which could translate to academic success.

I'm proud RodneyStreet provided services to hundreds of Red Clay students in 2023 and helped foster a lifelong love of tennis and learning as an anchor partner.

I support the district's goal of providing educational settings that positively enhance student performance and address environmental issues at school facilities. Investment in students today leads to productive and impactful citizens tomorrow.

Learn more at the district's webpage, www.redclayschools.com/vote and mark your calendar to vote in favor of the referendum on Wednesday, February 28th.

Referendum backing will make a brighter future for our children and our community a reality.

Sincerely,



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