



Building Bright Futures

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Dear Carol and IES Team,

On behalf of the Mitchell Elementary School and community we would like to thank you for your generous time and work in bringing the Trees for Healthy Kids and Community Program to our school. We are so grateful to have been considered and have enjoyed working with you and your team to make the Program such a success at our school.

Our school is unique, as it is not nestled in a neighborhood protected by homes and trees. With the help of IES and the generous grant from Xcel Energy we have been able to take the first steps in creating a healthy environment for our students and community. The immediate effect of the trees is student and community pride. With over 40 volunteers participating in the planting of the trees to the healthy involvement in making sure those trees succeed has refreshed a sense of pride in our school. The long term effect of the trees is the ever-growing impact the trees will have on aesthetics, noise, pollution, and wind. A great combination we are both proud of and excited for.

Without great initiatives instituted by IES, our school would not be able to offer projects like the Trees for Healthy Kids and Community Program. Your team was accommodating, outgoing, as well as professional. We have enjoyed getting to know you and working with you to make this project a success. We look forward to working with you on future projects!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ryan T. West".

Ryan T. West
Principal
Mitchell Elementary School

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tracy A. Fletcher".

Tracy A. Fletcher
Mitchell PTA Vice President and Grounds and
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