



February 20, 2024

City of Grand Haven
Attn: Ashley Latsch, City Manager
519 Washington Ave
Grand Haven, MI 49417

Dear City of Grand Haven:

This is a letter of support for the development of the Grand Haven Children's Museum in our local area. We understand the museum's board of directors are seeking approval to build the museum on the former Chinook Pier land. This location could be an ideal space for a museum to serve local children and families and would attract visitors from surrounding communities and those visiting the area. The economic impact would be great for the downtown area as well.

The **Grand Haven Schools Foundation's** mission is to support a quality education for area students through funding initiatives that empower learning. We have historically had a strong focus on supporting our youngest learners through our preschool scholarship program. Having a children's museum in our community would help to further support student learning and increase early childhood education opportunities for our local students.

The Grand Haven Children's Museum plans to include a maker space, art studio, interactive exhibits, STEM activities as well as indoor and outdoor opportunities for children ages birth to ten-years old. All these activities would be beneficial to a child's early development.

Please consider supporting the addition of the Grand Haven Children's Museum in downtown Grand Haven.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Bays". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Susan Bays, Executive Director

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