

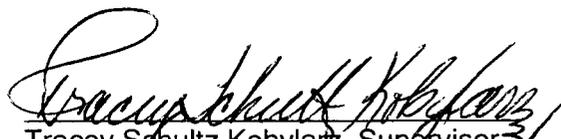
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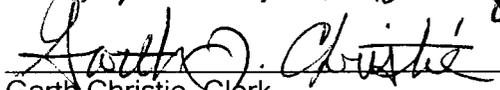
Blessings in a Backpack

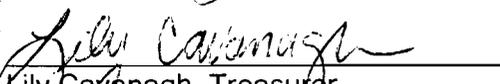
- WHEREAS, the Blessings in a Backpack program was created in Kentucky in 2005 when teachers noticed that students, especially those on free or reduced lunch programs, were tired and often inattentive, specifically on Monday mornings; and,
- WHEREAS, startling statistics from 2007 indicate that nationally 61% of our nation's students were receiving free or reduced lunch; and,
- WHEREAS, on Fridays, backpacks were then packed with enough food to provide six meals to each student on the free or reduced lunch program for the weekend; and,
- WHEREAS, the Blessings in a Backpack has recently come to Michigan with great results including increased test scores, improved attendance, reduced behavior issues, great attention span and long term overall gains; and,
- WHEREAS, South Redford Schools is beginning the Blessings in a Backpack program to address the needs of students currently receiving free or reduced lunches; and,
- WHEREAS, through the support of Meijer, Blessings in a Backpack is able to feed a student six meals on the weekend for about \$2.65.

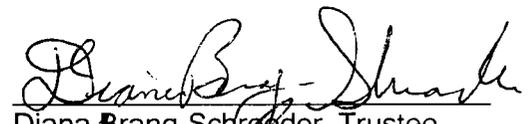
NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD BOARD OF TRUSTEES, do hereby recognize South Redford Schools as they implement the **BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK** program, and support them in their endeavors in reaching out to those families in need.



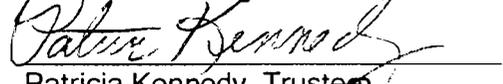

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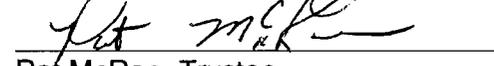

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