



Spring Mill Elementary School

Mrs. Subha Balagopal, Principal

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Dear Mr. Syed,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my school's story at the CricIndy League's Networking event last Friday. I am grateful to you for supporting our students with your kind donation, and giving me the opportunity to network with so many professionals within the larger business community. I loved hearing the messages of inclusion and diversity – something that we strive to increase in our district – and seeing how CricIndy is putting that into action.

I was touched by the outpouring of support from the people who attended the event, and look forward to connecting with anyone who is interested in partnering with Spring Mill Elementary. As I mentioned on Friday, our students need a variety of resources including food, clothing, winter gear, backpacks, school supplies, hygiene items, etc. We also attempt to support families in need with other resources they may need temporarily, such as paying heating bills, rent, etc. if they are in a pinch. We have volunteers who tutor or mentor our students as and when they are able – some of them commit to read with our students or tutor them once a week for a half hour; others come by when possible, to mentor and inspire students. Our kids need to see people who look like them, who have succeeded in different fields. We would love to tap into the interests and talent of people in the community, and find ways to connect them to the work we do for kids and grown-ups at Spring Mill.

My heart was full when I left the Roche premises on Friday, and I am still smiling as I think of my experience in the midst of people who clearly care about making a difference for kids. I would appreciate your sharing this letter with the participants of last Friday's event, and look forward to hearing from anyone who would like to learn more about Spring Mill or partner with us. Thank you again, for this amazing opportunity! My batteries are recharged as I gear up for this new week! I look forward to cheering the teams on next Saturday.

Sincerely,

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