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Thank you Lompoc City Council for reading my letter in support of the Lompoc YMCA/City of Lompoc lease agreement extension at tonight's City Council Meeting. My name is Bree Valla, Deputy Superintendent for Lompoc Unified and I wanted to share a few of the reasons why Lompoc as a community is better because of the YMCA.

We wouldn't wish a pandemic on any society. However, we can take adversity and identify strengths, and of course areas of growth. One the huge strengths that has been reiterated time and time again during COVID-19 has been that our community organizations come together to support our citizens. Lompoc Unified called on their community partners to meet at 5 am on March 13th ,, the first day schools closed. Tommy Speidel was there and ready to do what was needed to partner with LUSD in navigating something none of us expected to last as long as it has.

Lompoc Unified and the Lompoc YMCA met within days of schools closing to open a First Responder Child Care facility that was the first of its kind in Santa Barbara County. This is because the Lompoc YMCA has and continues to do whatever it takes to provide resources to the Lompoc Community.

Our students and families benefit from their presence in our town. Their central location also serves as a hub for families for exercise, community activities, as well as meeting some basic needs such as food distribution events. The Lompoc Unified School District supports the lease agreement extension and wants to thank Tommy Speidel and his entire team for always being ready to help in any way needed.

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