

April 8, 2019

Chancellor James Schmidt

University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire

Re: Science and Health Science Building

Dear Chancellor Schmidt:

Mayo Clinic Health System Northwest Wisconsin (MCHS-NWWI) and the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire announced the Research Collaborative agreement between the two institutions in the spring of 2017. This agreement has been very successful for both institutions with clearly defined benefits for students and patients within the Chippewa Valley. Within the first year, this collaboration yielded more than a dozen jointly developed projects with the plan to double annually. These efforts are creating new professional opportunities for student learners, faculty, and providers to engage in real-world projects intending to improve the lives of our patients in this region. MCHS-NWWI has been very supportive of UW-Eau Claire's efforts to propose the new Science and Health Science Building on the UW-Eau Claire campus. This new collaborative working space will allow the two institutions to design optimal work flows to maximize cross-functional collaboration that will launch innovative science and health care in western Wisconsin beyond what is currently possible. MCHS NWWI has set a philanthropic goal is to raise 13.7 million dollars which will allow MCHS NWWI to create and occupy the fit-for-purpose ~10,000 square feet in the new Science Building. This collaborative space will provide the first-of-its-kind location for Mayo Clinic to fully align with UW-Eau Claire faculty and students to share the responsibility of creating a discovery hub for next-generation rural medicine. The research community within the center will be comprised of integrated allied health staff, administrators, students, nurses, physicians, educators, scientists, and engineers. Dr. Richard Helmers states "We are fully committed to accelerating this shared vision with UW-Eau Claire, a vision that aligns with Mayo Clinic's three-shield mission of clinical practice, education, and research."

Sincerely yours,



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