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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of Alithia Learning as an innovative community facility.

As a primary school teacher working in NSW Public Schools, I am passionate about equipping children for the challenges of the 21st Century. I see Alithia Learning as a valuable space where children can integrate learning across disciplines and expand their understanding of the world around them. Alithia Learning is a facility that has the potential to develop life-long learners, where children can investigate areas of interest guided by mentors in an outdoor setting. Children are encouraged to pursue inquiry projects on their own terms, fostering intellectual independence.

Alithia Learning adds to the cultural landscape of the Mid-North Coast and, with enough funding, will provide a model for other innovative learning spaces in Australia and internationally. I became involved with Alithia Learning after a conversation with a member discussing social-emotional learning and the value of nature-based learning for student wellbeing. I was excited by the prospect that there could be a thriving hub in our community for children and their families to connect in the natural environment. This service is not yet provided by any other organisation in our local area.

As a new parent, I am intrigued by the possibilities that Alithia presents. I am excited that, with continued funding and government support, there will be a space for my own children (once they are old enough) to engage in workshops and activities that enrich their lives. I look forward to connecting with other parents and community members, who are also interested in their children's holistic development.

It would be of great benefit to our local area, that this organisation receives the financial support needed to continue developing its infrastructure and services. Local families will have an inspiring community facility and our region will be recognised for educational innovation.

Sincerely,

Cheree Mack