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Dr. Lance Lohman
Superintendent of Schools
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Dear Superintendent Lohman,

Congratulations! It is with great excitement that we welcome Longwood Central School District as a New York State Education Department recognized My Brother's Keeper (MBK) Community.

Under your leadership, the tireless work of your team, and the Longwood community, Longwood Central School District has successfully completed the steps to becoming an MBK Community. By accepting the New York State My Brother's Keeper Community Challenge, Longwood Central School District and your community partners commit to taking the necessary actions to develop and execute programs and strategies designed to improve outcomes for boys and young men of color, and all youth to help them to realize their full potential.

As an NYSMBK Community, you join the MBK Community Network of over 40 MBK Communities across the state. You will gain additional technical assistance in the execution of your action plan, be able to participate in both state and national MBK convenings, and gain eligibility for programs such as the My Brother's Keeper Fellows Program.

Please know that you have the full support of the New York State Education Department. We look forward to continuing to work with Longwood Central School District to change the narrative for boys and young men of color in your community.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Hardaway

Kimberly Hardaway, Director
Office of Family and Community Engagement

cc: Dr. Betty A Rosa, Commissioner of Education
Ms. Angelique Johnson-Dingle, Deputy Commissioner
Dr. Anael Alston, Assistant Commissioner