## **[Insert Date]**

## **Dear Parents:**

## **We’re very excited to introduce a new program called “Adopt A Grandparent.” North Dakota has a high percentage of citizens nearing retirement, as well as a dramatic health care workforce shortage, especially in nursing. We feel an “Adopt A Grandparent” program will help students develop meaningful relationships with elders in their community, and learn about the many opportunities in health care.**

## **[Insert school or classroom] would like to partner with [local long term care facility name] to implement the “Adopt A Grandparent” program. Through this collaboration, we feel the students and older adults will benefit from the relationship established through this program. The students will benefit from learning from and communicating with the elders, and the elders will benefit by feeling a sense of added purpose. We anticipate a lot of fun and learning to take place! Some of the activities we have in mind arts and crafts, cooking/baking, multi-media and technology, and learning about each others’ childhood interests and environments.**

## **[Insert the timeline or frequency of visits, any requirements to meet benchmarks and standards, such as writing assignments, art projects, reading logs, etc.]**

## **The program will begin [insert appropriate dates]. We welcome all feedback about this program and hope you are as excited as we are.**

## **Sincerely,**

## **[Signature(s)]**

## **[Title(s)]**

## **[School or facility name]**