

GREENWAY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

520 Lafayette Rd

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RE: Letter of Support for Mesabi Metallic Permits

Dear Commissioner Kessler:

On behalf of the Greenway School Board, we write today in strong support of Mesabi Metallics and respectfully urge the swift approval of the company's remaining permits for its project located in Nashwauk, Minnesota.

Mesabi Metallics represents a significant and timely opportunity for our students, families, and communities across the Iron Range. The project offers not only immediate economic growth and substantial job creation, but also a long-term investment in the stability and future of our region. With its permits to operate, Mesabi Metallics is projected to provide hundreds of high-quality jobs, strengthen our local business economy, generate approximately \$30 million in tax benefits, and serve as a major driver of economic vitality for northeastern Minnesota.

From the perspective of a public school district, the importance of sustainable economic development cannot be overstated. Strong local employers translate directly into stable families, increased enrollment, enhanced educational opportunities, and a broader tax base that supports public services, including our schools. The anticipated growth from this project will help ensure that future generations of students can learn, work, and remain in the communities where they were raised.

Mesabi Metallics has demonstrated that it is a responsible and trusted partner on the Iron Range. The company currently employs more than 80 full-time workers, a number expected to grow to approximately 350 once operational, in addition to an average of 600 construction workers on site each day. Equally important, Mesabi Metallics has shown a clear commitment to transparency and community engagement through extensive outreach efforts, including more than 30 town hall meetings and multiple open house events that allow the public to tour the facilities, observe construction progress, and ask questions directly.

We believe that with continued collaboration among the community, local partners, and state agencies, Mesabi Metallics will operate in a manner that is both responsible and forward-looking. The project aligns with Minnesota's broader goals of supporting domestic manufacturing, strengthening supply chains, and leading the nation toward a more sustainable and green economy.

For these reasons, the Greenway School Board respectfully encourages the approval of Mesabi Metallica's permits. We are confident this project will provide lasting benefits to our students, our schools, and the entire Iron Range region.

Sincerely,

Greenway School Board
Greenway Public Schools

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Superintendent of Schools