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RE: SunTrust Bank merger with BB & T

Greetings:

On behalf of Communities In Schools of Augusta Richmond County Georgia (CISARC), I am submitting this letter of support for SunTrust Bank. Communities In Schools as well as many other area nonprofits in our community have benefitted from SunTrust's long-standing commitment to supporting and investing in the community through donations of time, talent and treasure. Our community truly has been blessed to have such an engaged corporate partner.

SunTrust has been active and invested in the community for as long as I can remember. From my early days in nonprofit work (1980's) to the present, SunTrust Bank could always be counted on to do their part to make our community a better place in which to live and work.

CISARC provides in-school programs spanning grades kindergarten through high school to poor, struggling students with the goals of keeping them in school and on track to graduate. To that end, we partner with our local schools to help eliminate the nonacademic barriers that often prevent a child from being successful in school by providing basic needs support, schools supplies, healthcare, and mentoring. In addition, we provide tutoring to students behind in grade level reading and help with math remediation. SunTrust Bank has been there through it all – providing leadership, volunteers to read to children behind in school, helping with student financial literacy classes, and by providing critical funding to support our efforts. We are truly grateful to SunTrust Bank and look forward to many more years of support following this exciting merger.

We were excited to learn about the merger of SunTrust with BB&T to become one of our nation's leading banking institutions. We trust the merger will bring about even more opportunities to support our local community. The critical services and programs Communities In Schools and our other local nonprofit organizations provide are dependent upon robust and committed corporate partners invested in the communities in which they have a presence. The future looks bright for Augusta, Georgia!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laurie L. Cook", is written over a black rectangular redaction box.

Laurie L. Cook, Executive Director