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**Mountain Community School and Tamarack Resort Announce  
Partnership to Bring Boundless Learning Adventures to Local Students**

**TAMARACK, Idaho** (October 13, 2021) – The Mountain Community School, Inc. (MCS) (*formerly McCall Community School*) has partnered with Tamarack Resort to bring a free public charter school to K-8 students in the region. The school will be located within the resort, and is scheduled to open in Fall of 2022.

Tamarack Companies and MCS have entered into a letter of intent, taking the first step into a long term relationship to bring this innovative educational model to the community. Any student that lives within the McCall-Donnelly School District boundary is eligible to participate in the lottery for enrollment, which will take place in early 2022.

“Tamarack Resort is an ideal classroom – and playground – to spark curiosity and inspire our students to learn in an engaging and experiential environment,” said Mountain Community School Co-Founder/Leader Patrick Berg. “I can’t think of a better location for us to do our work transforming students into leaders – making our community, and our world, a better place.”

MCS students will participate in an educational model that reflects the values of our rural, mountainous community – focusing on outdoor education that encompasses cross-curricular projects. This place-based model puts the emphasis on the here and now, what is happening in our community, on getting students outdoors but also for building students’ capacity to be independent learners that can take ownership for their learning while also learning to work together in a community.

“Having an innovative school within our mountain resort has been part of our long-term vision and we welcome what MCS offers families within our community to live, work, play and learn,” said Tamarack President Scott Turlington. “Just like with our SKY Pass, this partnership aligns with our focus on creating accessible and boundless learning adventures for local students.”



During the initial phase of the project, Tamarack Companies will provide the infrastructure for school facilities with MCS remodeling the existing buildings. In the future, Tamarack and MCS have identified a parcel of property along West Mountain Road on the eastern boundary of the resort for the permanent location of the Charter School.

*The mission of the Mountain Community School is to inspire curiosity, engagement and leadership through transformative place-based education. MCS is a personalized, project-driven, free, K-8 public charter school that creates active, engaged thinkers who participate in their own education. MCS strives to develop curious and confident children who grow to make the world a better place. The MCS educational model is based on the place-based approach as defined by the Place Network from Teton Science School.*

*Tamarack Resort is an all-season destination situated on 3,500 acres, located 90 miles north of Boise in Tamarack, Idaho. From on-site lodging, dining and event space to the full range of outdoor recreation in the Idaho mountains, there is adventure for any season. The winter brings 2,800 feet of vertical on 2,000 mountain acres for skiers and snowboarders, along with Nordic and snowshoe trails. During the summer, the resort is home to mountain biking, ziplining, hiking, rafting and watersports on Lake Cascade.*

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