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Career Technical Education Facilities Application Review Committee
California Department of Education
707 Third Street, 6th Floor
West Sacramento, CA 95605

Re: Jurupa Unified School District CTE Facilities Application

To: Career Technical Education Facilities Application Review Committee:

On behalf of Jurupa Community Services District (JCSD), we would like to express our strong support for the upgrade of CTE classrooms at Jurupa Valley High School (JVHS).

JCSD is a Special District, founded in 1956 to provide water, sewer, and additional services to the communities of Jurupa Valley and Eastvale. We have strong ties to our community including the students who attend JVHS.

Approximately two years ago, JVHS contacted JCSD for assistance with the CTE program. After that first meeting, our staff has met with administrators and faculty on a regular basis to provide assistance in creating new curriculum, insight into career opportunities within the water industry, and additional green/environmental programs. JCSD staff also serves on the CTE Advisory Committee to offer advice about career opportunities and real-world experience within the water industry.

These new CTE programs are innovative and important. Agriculture and water are growing industries that provide secure financially stable employment. By enhancing traditional agriculture curriculum with new approaches to water management, careers in the water industry, and other green initiatives, students will be prepared to explore different career paths. This is especially important within Jurupa Unified School District as many students reside in Disadvantaged Communities and may not be aware of these career opportunities within their own community. It is imperative that CTE programs include activities and laboratory experiments to prepare students for career opportunities.

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It is for these reasons that JCSD urges the funding of upgrades to CTE classrooms at JVHS and we urge the Committee to approve their application.

Sincerely,



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