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Dear Ms. Steele:

Jurupa Community Services District (JCSD) is pleased to support the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools (SBCSS) in the K12 Strong Workforce Program (SWP) as a consortium partner with the SBCSS Regional Occupational Program. The K12 SWP is administered through the California Community College Chancellor's Office and is intended to create, support and/or expand high-quality career technical education (CTE) programs at the K12 level. These programs are aligned with the workforce development efforts occurring through the community colleges' SWP and regional priorities. We believe that expanding the SWP to the K12 level will increase workforce opportunities, lift more low-wage workers into living-wage jobs, and aid in driving the economic success of the region.

We support the SBCSS' endeavors to strengthen the talent pipeline through rigorous CTE programs of study that include robust employer engagement and streamlines student transitions from high school to college and the world of work. Building a strong K14 pipeline supports the workforce and economic development of the Inland Empire region. JCSD is committed to supporting the SBCSS in its implementation of the grant proposal in the following ways:

- Collaborate with teachers and school officials
- Attend career fairs to introduce students to career opportunities in the industry
- Serve on industry advisory committees
- Collaborate to align technical skills and workplace competencies with school curriculum
- Provide speakers and field trip opportunities to expose students to the world of work
- Support student competitions or other work-based learning student activities

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- Provide recommendations related to recognized industry certifications
- Provide professional development for career pathway teachers through externships and immersion programs

We look forward to supporting the SWP priorities of cultivating programs that address real needs and contribute to the economic prosperity of the region.

Sincerely,



Steven Popelar
Director of Finance & Administration