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Dear Mrs. Lopez:

As the lead school district and member of the CareerConnectED Consortium, the Springfield City School District (SCSD) is pleased to support the Clark Community Connectors grant application to be submitted by the Nehemiah Foundation as the applicant. SCSD and our students will participate in the career pathways planning, mentoring and career exploration opportunities detailed in the application. Our students are already providing input regarding the renovation of the space at the former South High School as well as input for the various content areas they wish to explore.

If the grant is awarded to the Nehemiah Foundation, it is our understanding that SCSD will work together with other Consortium and business partners, Speedway, Itinerant Studios and Creative and Now. We believe that not only SCSD will benefit from the Community Connectors support, but also the entire community will grow and be strengthened. For those reasons, SCSD strongly supports this application, commits to working together with other partners, and appreciates the funders' consideration of support for this much-needed project.

Sincerely,

David Estrop, Ph.D.  
Superintendent  
Springfield City School District