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Dear Dr. Quattrochi:

We have long valued our partnership with Carrollton Exempted School District. Thank you for the opportunity to partner in this very exciting proposal to support the Providing Opportunities with Expected Results (POWER) initiative. Carroll County Farm Bureau strongly supports the application. Carroll County is at the center of Ohio's shale gas boom and this grant provides an opportunity to capture benefits of major investments in the county. It is extremely important that we capitalize on the energy economy to create opportunities for our students and communities. We believe the plans embodied in this grant application will enable us to do that, if funded.

Furthermore, we believe the contents of this proposal will have ripple effects beyond the Carrollton Exempted Village School District because new programs created in partnership with postsecondary partners will be scalable and replicable in other districts.

We will be highly engaged in the design and delivery of the initiative. Our roles and responsibilities as partners will include:

- Guidance and partnership in program development and curricula
- Providing assistance with program resources such as instructors, supplies, and equipment
- Helping to facilitate work experiences

Possible project might include:

- Facilitate STEM training to science, math and Ag teachers for 21st century teaching skills
- Building a 21st century farm/land lab rich in digital and blended learning concepts with ability to teach/reach the masses
- Greenhouse and/or high tunnels for farm to school benefits to district food service from Ag classes (and any other Ag ideas)

- Natural resource trailheads/trails with informational kiosks highlighting forestry, oil/gas resources, stream and pond/water conservation-run off, prairie, wildlife(land/air) on nearly 160 acres
- Structural engineering and industrial power classes in Ag class will design and build.
- Partner with Carrollton Schools and FFA Camp Muskingum to create a STEM Camp for 8-9-10 Grades similar to the successful 6th grade natural resource camp. This innovative hands on " camp is to build a strong society of STEM students
- Reinstitute the Country Living Field Day in Carroll County and hopefully at our school farm

Our involvement in these activities will ensure that students will have improved learning outcomes and greater opportunities to advance into postsecondary programs and careers. We look forward to collaborating on the POWER initiative and demonstrating the level of collaboration that is needed for this work.

Sincerely,



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