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Dr. David Quattrochi
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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. Portage County ESC 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, curricula, and professional development with a focus on STEM education and Project Based Learning
- Providing assistance with program resources such as instructors, supplies, and equipment
- Helping to facilitate work experiences related to STEM Project Based and Real World Learning

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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 partnering on the POWER initiative and demonstrating the level of collaboration that is needed for this work.

Sincerely yours,

Dewey L. Chapman
Superintendent