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Dear Mr. Robinson:

I am writing this letter to express my full support for the Carrollton Exempted Village School District's application for ODE A+ Fund grant to help fund its STEM Digital project. Carrollton's STEM Digital will be implemented in 2014 and 2015 and be designed and built for a rapidly advancing digital world.

Three schools of STEM are planned to bring CEVSD and its partners in collaborative effort of "Disruptive Innovation" for 21st Century Career and College Readiness. These schools are Engineering, Agriculture, and Safety. Considering Carroll County's unique opportunity with energy resource development, this program is well designed to position the community for growth and opportunity.

Given Carrollton's experience with integrated instructional methods and project-based learning, as well as the current administration's strengths in initiative management, I am confident that this project exemplifies the leadership and vision that is needed in our community.

The initiative embodied in this proposal addresses the community goals of creating opportunities for students and economic development in Carroll County. It will do so by helping to close the gap between student achievement and postsecondary and career opportunities in the energy development industry. The initiative is a unique opportunity to capitalize on the booming shale economy and direct resources towards students.

The energy economy has become an important element in the economy of the county. Energy production techniques are highly technical and require a high competency in engineering and digital technologies. The proposed initiative will help ensure that the benefits of this economy are captured locally and used to support students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Hammond", written in a cursive style.

Matthew Hammond