The Nutrients for Life Foundation’s goal is to provide science-based information on the valuable role crop nutrients play in feeding our growing world. They aim to increase an understanding of how responsible use of fertilizer improves the health of our soil, the plants that grow in it, and ultimately, the food we eat. They will help students realize the challenges of feeding a growing world by feeding their minds today with the *Nourishing the Planet in the 21st Century* curriculum.

The Nutrients for Life Foundation agrees to partner with the subsequent strategies to contribute to the success of the bold and innovative solutions to advance the goals of Ridgemont Local Schools:

- Connect Ridgemont students with science-based information that relate to real workforce issues that impact strategies to feed our world
- Provide materials and resources to assist with authentic project based learning curriculum related to social sciences
- Serve as an authentic audience for project based and service learning projects
- Connect for virtual field trips to provide authentic experiences for youth
- Serve as a guest speaker, virtually with technology
- Provide authentic content for real-world learning projects for teachers and students
- Enhance curricular connections through the collaboration with compatible partners that currently exist with The Nutrients For Life Foundation

Ridgemont Local Schools agrees to reciprocate the succeeding strategies to provide a mutually beneficial partnership:

- Engage more than 30 students each year in writing the World Food Prize Youth Institute paper that is a cross-curricular engagement of teachers and students
- Provide youth authentic opportunities to create skills to be prepared for the global challenges and problem solving
- Engage youth and staff in regular relations with curriculum areas that tie to cross curricular initiatives to workforce development
- Reform curriculum to ensure every youth engages in project based learning with a workforce connection that prepares youth for leadership roles, as well as career and college readiness
- Bring local and global workforce needs to the forefront of Ridgemont’s educational initiatives
- Integrate real world connections into every classroom K-12
- Our school district will build students who have cultivated relationships with business and industry professionals prior to graduation
- Provide regular updates in workforce development strides made by students and staff
- Include partnership information and updates in newsletters, newspapers, school webpages, etc
- Collaborate with the Nutrients for Life Foundation to conduct virtual workshops and presentations to demonstrate the “Best Practices” at professional conferences, pre-service teacher classes and other venues

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