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To Whom It May Concern:

The Raymore-Peculiar School District is excited to partner with the Metropolitan Community College on a National Science Foundation grant proposal. The partnership will result in a satellite machinist training program offering for students who might not otherwise have an opportunity for such training while in high school. Raymore-Peculiar High School is located at the southern edge of the greater Kansas City metro, making it impractical to send students to the existing on-campus program. The proposed satellite program envisioned in the grant provides an innovative method to reach more students for this high-demand career pathway.

The grant supports the current strategic plan priorities of the Raymore-Peculiar School District, including the following strategies under the Success Ready Students focus area:

- Incorporate additional real-world, hands-on learning opportunities
- Expand STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) opportunities for all students
- Promote soft skill development – communication, collaboration, critical thinking, creativity

More specifically, the partnership would support the current Real World Learning emphasis at Raymore-Peculiar High School. Students would not only gain valuable skills, they would also be provided internship opportunities to demonstrate and practice those skills in a workplace setting.

If selected to be a partner with Metropolitan Community College on this grant, the Raymore-Peculiar School District is committed to providing the space and other resources necessary to build an effective program for the benefit of students. This type of program can serve as a model moving forward on how to provide innovative learning opportunities for students.

Sincerely,

Ruth Johnson
Board President

Dr. Kari Monsees
Superintendent