



KIMBERLY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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August 8, 2023

Dear Members of the Grant Review Committee:

We write this letter with great enthusiasm and unwavering support for the Idaho Career Ready Students Program Grant, which seeks to further enhance the educational opportunities within the Kimberly School District. As the Superintendent and Board Chair of the Kimberly School District, we are wholeheartedly in favor of the proposed project to expand the Kimberly Ag Shop and develop innovative programs that will immensely benefit our students and community.

The Kimberly Ag Shop has long been a hub of experiential learning and skill development for our students. With this grant, we have the extraordinary opportunity to significantly broaden the impact of the ag mechanics and fabrication courses. These courses have proven to be invaluable in equipping our students with practical skills that extend beyond the classroom, preparing them for successful careers in various trades and industries. Moreover, the addition of a structures program to the ag department will further diversify the skill set our students can acquire, positioning them for even greater success in an ever-evolving job market.

We are especially excited about the potential impact this expansion will have on addressing the maintenance staffing needs within the Kimberly School District. As we increasingly rely on student workers to fulfill part-time maintenance positions, the enhanced ag department will provide a pipeline of skilled individuals who are not only well-equipped to contribute to the district's upkeep, but also possess a strong sense of pride and ownership in their contributions. Additionally, our students will become productive employees for the community by fulfilling much needed key roles in our skilled workforce.

The commitment to resource sustainability is a testament to our dedication to the long-term success of this project. We recognize that securing this grant is just the beginning, and our district is fully committed to providing ongoing resources to ensure the effective maintenance and utilization of the expanded ag shop. The sustainability of the program aligns seamlessly with our overarching goal of fostering an environment of continuous growth and learning for our students.

In conclusion, the Idaho Career Ready Students Program Grant holds immense promise for the students of the Kimberly School District. The expansion of the ag shop and the introduction of new programs will undoubtedly empower our students with the skills, knowledge, and experience needed to excel in both their academic pursuits and future careers. We wholeheartedly endorse this grant application and are excited about the positive impact it will have on our students, our school district, and our community as a whole.

Thank you for considering our application and for your ongoing commitment to education and workforce development.

Sincerely,

Luke Schroeder Superintendent Kimberly School District

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