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Mr. Ken Kay
Partnership for 21st Century Skills
177 N. Church Avenue
Suite 305
Tuscon, Arizona 85701

Dear Mr. Kay,

On behalf of the Kansas State Department of Education, please accept this letter in support of the application to join the Partnership for 21st Century Skills. We are committed to ensuring every child and youth in KS is prepared to succeed in the 21st century.

As the application describes, and is readily apparent, the interest and enthusiasm for the Partnership across this state is significant and broad-based. We believe that the Partnership and its member states will assist in guiding us in our systemic and forward thinking educational improvement efforts. Additionally, as a national education leader, we believe the Kansas team can offer similarly important guidance to others as we tackle and overcome unprecedented challenges in educating students for success in an increasingly global and competitive society.

Please let me know if you have any questions or require any additional information related to Kansas' educational progress, system and programs. We look forward to working hand-in-hand with the Partnership and its member states to ensure the success of all students and to prepare them for their future.

Sincerely,

Alexa Posny, Ph.D.
Commissioner of Education
Kansas Department of Education