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Mr. Ken Kay
President
Partnership for 21st Century Skills
177 N. Church Avenue, Suite 105
Tuscon, AZ 85701

Dear Mr. Kay:

It is an honor to write a letter in support of the Iowa Department of Education's application to be a Partnership for 21st Century Skills Leadership State (P21 Leadership State). As Chair of the Legislative Interim Committee on Skilled Worker Shortages, we spent three days meeting on various issues that affect Iowa's workforce. One of the significant findings of our committee is that we must integrate 21st century skills into our K-12 system of education.

Iowa has a reputation for having skilled workers and professionals with an outstanding work ethic and the ability to learn skills to get the job done. We are also known for educating students at one of the highest levels in the nation. As the expectations and skills needed in the workforce change, it is crucial that the education we provide Iowa students changes so they can meet the demands of today's work place.

Iowa's participation in this endeavor will benefit us greatly. I look forward to hearing about Iowa's progress in integrating 21st century skills in Iowa schools as a result of being named a P21 Leadership State.

Sincerely,

William Dotzler
State Senator

