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To Whom It May Concern:

Herbert Slater Middle School serves 764 students in grades 7-8. Through the *Education Innovation and Research Program--Early-phase Grant*, we will implement and evaluate effects of the Collaborative Curriculum Design© for students in grades 7-8. We will collaborate with Kamm Solutions to implement the Collaborative Curriculum Design (CCD)© in our English Language Arts and Social Sciences courses. Our ultimate goal is to increase teacher capacity through professional development, strengthen the instructional delivery, provide a highly motivational and relevant curriculum, and personalize learning experiences to achieve literacy growth for all our students.

Herbert Slater Middle School serves a diverse population of which 42.8% are White and 45.2% are Hispanic or Latino. Our students are 46.5% Socio-Economically Disadvantaged and 17.4% English Learners. In 2015-16, 58% of students in Grades 7-8 met or exceeded standards as indicated by the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium. By having teachers from ELA and SS departments collaborate with teachers from other sites, we will gain knowledge and coherence across the district to better meet our students' needs.

Herbert Slater Middle School will fully support this project, assuring that all requirements by the grantor and the activities specified by the proposal are carried out with fidelity. We will provide supervision and implementation at our site and provide access to necessary data collection and analysis, as requested by the district.

Sincerely,

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