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To Whom It May Concern:

The value of collaboration in the workplace is undisputed, yet almost exclusively teachers work on their own. On the rare occasion, teachers are afforded collaboration during a free hour of common planning or on the teachers' own time. Participating on a Collaborative Curriculum Design team has offered me a chance to work regularly and systematically in a supported, structured environment.

Some of the benefits I have experienced through our collaborative efforts have been to:

- Promote cohesion and equity throughout our district
- Develop more creative approaches to curriculum
- Give teachers ownership over their curriculum
- Gather resources that engage our students and apply them in meaningful ways
- Vet and refine our ideas as they are implemented
- Assure my lessons follow a long-term plan that insures standards-based curriculum

Collaborative Curriculum design breaks the vacuum in which so many of us teach. I fully support this project, will implement at my site the units we develop, and will provide access to necessary data as requested by the district.

Sincerely,

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