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Dear Mark:

Southeast Kentucky Community & Technical College is committed to strengthening the economy in Eastern Kentucky and we are pleased to partner with East Kentucky Power Cooperative and others in the creation of a SOAR-STEM Ecosystem. Eastern Kentucky has struggled for decades and with jobs disappearing and college bound students never returning, that struggle is greater today than ever before. Students and teachers in this region must be equipped with 21st century skills needed to entice industry to move into SOAR.

Implementing Science, Technology, Engineering and Math curriculum in schools that introduces over 100,000 students to high-quality project-based learning across Eastern Kentucky paired with professional development and certification for 3,000 teachers will dramatically influence the future workforce in the SOAR region. Introducing Centers of Excellence across the region around these key STEM skillsets and disciplines will truly bring transformational change to this region and create economic opportunities that currently do not exist.

From the beginning of Shaping Our Appalachian Region, Governor Beshear and Congressman Rogers envisioned a fundamental and transformational change for the region and we see these efforts to create a STEM based workforce as being key to fulfilling their vision. We look forward to partnering with you on the SOAR-STEM efforts.

Please let me know if there is anything further you need from Southeast Kentucky Community & Technical College going forward.

Sincerely,



Lynn Moore, Ph.D.

President/CEO

