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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Project Lead The Way (PLTW), I am pleased to inform you of our partnership with Shaping Our Appalachian Region (SOAR) and the East Kentucky Power Co-op (EKPC). Together, we are resolute in our support of the Science, Technology, Engineering, Math-Transforming Eastern Kentucky (STEM-TEK) initiative.

The goal of STEM-TEK is to develop a regionally-based workforce ready for high-skill, high-wage jobs. To achieve this objective, EKPC is implementing a three phase approach that includes recruiting, training, and retaining high-quality teachers, implementing PLTW's world-class STEM curriculum, as well as growing existing and attracting new business and industry to the region. This initiative will ensure that all students throughout the SOAR region have access to PLTW's transformative activity-, project-, and problem-based STEM curriculum that empowers students to build high-demand, transportable skills. To that end, PLTW is pleased to announce our commitment of up to \$1.02MM to help launch the STEM-TEK initiative.

As you may be aware, PLTW is the nation's leading provider of K-12 STEM programs. Our world-class curriculum and high-quality teacher professional development model, combined with an engaged network of educators and corporate and community partners, help students develop the skills necessary to succeed in our global economy. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, we deliver PLTW programs to more than 6,500 elementary, middle, and high schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. PLTW schools can be found in rural, urban, and suburban districts; across all income levels; as well as in public, private, and charter schools. PLTW's success in preparing students with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed has been recognized by colleges and universities, Fortune 500 businesses, and numerous national organizations including Change the Equation, the Social Impact Exchange, and more.

Thank you for your interest in the STEM-TEK initiative. If you have any questions regarding PLTW, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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