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Dear Mariann Engle,

We are personally reaching out to thank you for our partnership with Ida Jew Academy in the Mount Pleasant Elementary School District as a Tech Academy of Innovation.

We greatly value our partnership with you, because together we are changing education for our young people—ensuring that all of our youth are supported to become future innovators. We thank you for investing your organization's time, resources and dedication to integrating engineering across the curricula throughout your school and expanded learning program as Ida Jew Academy develops as a model STEM site.

Together we have accomplished so much in a relatively short amount of time. Educators are doubling their STEM instruction hours exposing all of their students to engineering. Students are telling us that they enjoy engineering, are discovering that they are good at engineering and can see themselves working as engineers. Because engineering requires learning from failure, educators are creating environments where it's safe to fail and students are learning to persevere through any obstacle they face. Collectively, The Tech Academies of Innovation network efforts have engaged over 75,000 students in engineering!

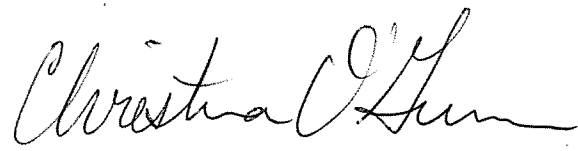
The problem solving practices and interpersonal collaboration skills we develop in our youth are becoming more essential in all career fields, not just in engineering, and not just for jobs in the Silicon Valley. We are proud to partner with you to have a broad influence on our future generation of innovators who will help us solve the challenging problems we face now and will face in the future. With that in mind, we are also excited to embark on a new chapter of partnership with you, as we work to take The Tech Academies program district-wide. We are equally excited to begin the STEM Pathways work with you, mapping STEM resources from Pre-K through career, with community partners that will support our youth to continue to develop their STEM skills into Silicon Valley Careers.

Together we will ensure that our young people are prepared to step into their chosen careers as effective problem solvers. This is work that none of us can do alone, so we are grateful for our decade-long partnership with our Tech Academy schools and expanded learning programs to collectively make a huge impact on our community and around the world. Thank you for all you do.

In partnership,



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