

NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION

6060 FFA DRIVE P.O. BOX 68960 INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46258-0960 P 317-802-6060 F 317-802-6090 FFA.ORG

January 6, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the National FFA Organization and more than 649,355 FFA members, I am writing to share that we are committed and fully supportive of *Putting Learner Success First: A Shared Vision for the Future of CTE*, and in particular, the five key guiding principles of this vision, namely:

- All CTE programs are held to the highest standards of excellence
- All learners are empowered to choose a meaningful education and career
- All learning is personalized and flexible
- All learning is facilitated by knowledgeable experts
- All systems work together to put learner success first

Founded in 1928, the National FFA Organization has developed leadership, personal growth, and career success in agricultural education students across the nation. Over the past 89 years, FFA has evolved to serve its members and all agricultural education students through an integrated program of inquiry-based instruction; experiential and service-based learning; and development of 21<sup>st</sup> century employability and life skills through career exploration and leadership opportunities. We believe there is a need to continue developing young people to be life-long learners and to be successful both in and out of the classroom.

The National FFA Organization is committed to taking steps to align existing and future work and initiatives to help advance this vision as well as publicly supporting and promoting the accomplishments of the vision's aspirations where appropriate.

We are pleased to support the vision in this way, and we are happy to provide additional testimony or answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Mare a. Pll

Mark Poeschl Chief Executive Officer