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Dear Sir/Madam:

As Superintendent of The School District of Philadelphia, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Montgomery County to be listed as an Educational Improvement Organization under the Commonwealth's Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program.

Our District continually seeks programs and opportunities to engage our students in learning; to augment our educational resources; and to embrace Science, Technology, Engineering and Math initiatives. RSVP's *My Free Tutor* STEM career exploration speakers' series and online tutoring exposes students to STEM fields, a first step in engaging our students to explore these fields of study. In addition to *STEM Talks* presentations, *My Free Tutor* partners with Kensington Health Sciences Academy to provide weekly, online tutoring by qualified, screened volunteers. The student and tutor are assigned to work together for the entire semester, ensuring continuity with the lessons and a relationship with the mentor.

The partnership between RSVP and The School District of Philadelphia enables us to continue to address the unique needs of our students, expand their horizons beyond the classroom, as well as track quantifiable data to document both the students' and the program's success. RSVP actively partners with local and national corporations to engage their employee base as qualified volunteer mentors/tutors. This is an exceptional model of corporate civic responsibility for our students, who are the next generation of volunteers.

Sincerely,



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