



Rotary Club
Jim Ervin

Dear Mr. Ervin,

Students at the Bill R. Johnson Career and Technology Education Center are involved in activities to prepare them as the future workforce. Each student enrolls in a sequence of courses to develop both workforce, technical skills and soft skills required for employability. Not only are students involved in the classroom but students are also involved in activities outside the classroom such as Career Technical Student Organization (CTSOs or student clubs), internships, and job shadowing. These organizations allow students an opportunity to apply skills taught in the classroom to real-world settings, community service projects, and leadership opportunities.

We have found, based on student outcome data that we need to develop capacity for leadership within our student body. We are requesting the opportunity to implement a program developed by a national Career and Technical Organization called SkillsUSA which focuses on leadership development. This program would cost approximately \$2000.00 to implement for 40 teachers. The curriculum is entitled Professional Development Program (PDP) and allows students to develop employability or soft skills needed for smooth transition to the workforce or higher education. The benefits of the program include:

- Each student builds a job portfolio
- Meets SCANS and state standards requirements
- Involves industry in the classroom
- Facilitates integration of academic and CTE content

Thank you for your consideration!

Thank you,

Kady Donaghey
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