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Oregon Department of Education
Dear CTE Program of Study Reviewer:

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of the proposal being submitted to the Oregon Department of Education - Career and Technical Education program of study application committee. Vernonia School District is doing tremendous work to revitalize CTE programming and is positioned to develop a Welding program of study at Vernonia High School. Welding Technology is a growing field in Oregon and we know that high school introduction to this career pathway and hands on learning assists students in becoming a productive member of this employment field.

Vernonia School District and Vernonia High School are requesting the Welding Technology program of study to strengthen and diversify their CTE offerings to the student's in the Vernonia community. We, the faculty and staff of Portland Community Colleges Welding Program, support and recognize the need to get more students involved and exposed to our industry practices.

In order to support Vernonia School District's vision for the program, we are committed to providing the following:

- *We/I will provide mentorship to the program of study instructor.*
  - *I One on one consulting, Books, Curriculum advice*

after school project, mentoring an afterschool team, serve as judges or an evaluator to

review student showcased projects, (if any apply) • *We/I will provide Welding career-related experiences.*

- *Welding job shadows, help with the formation of a Welding project challenge that students can use to engage in real world problem solving, help with formation of a skill-based Welding contest.*

- *We/I will serve on a Welding advisory committee to support the overall growth of the program.*

In the past we have participated with the Vernonia School District and/or Vernonia High School by Donation to the Welding shop of a CNC Plasma cutting machine.

We are deeply committed to partnering with the Vernonia School District as they seek approval to develop a best in class Welding Technology, CTE program. We know the program will support the development of career pathways that lead to high wage and high demand occupations [**ADD Sentence: DATA relevant to your industry to support this or data to support the need for more historically underserved students to enter the profession**].

Any programs that can help our students gain access to CTE courses of study to increase employability skills, awareness of career opportunities through exposure to our industry, and helps meet workforce needs in our region has our full support and commitment to partner in order to realize the vision.

Sincerely,

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