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Dear Educator,

I am contacting you because I would like you to consider applying for what I'm certain will be an exciting partnership with business and industry. In this partnership, you will participate in professional development that can impact both your classroom and individual growth.

To facilitate this opportunity, Central Community College recently received a three-year National Science Foundation grant award for Project SHINE – Shaping High-quality Integrated Nebraska Education. The goal of Project SHINE is to engage secondary and college faculty in collaborative relationships with business and industry leading to experiential, problem-based learning, ultimately increasing student participation and success entering high demand technical careers.

Put simply, the intent of Project SHINE is to:

- Get businesses and schools jointly engaged in the application of learning
- Provide educators with individual business mentors
- Support educators with a practical answer to the student's question, "Why do I need to know this?"
- Expose students to the specific STEM skills required to be successful in many business environments

This letter accompanies the *Project SHINE Educator Overview and Application*. Please take the time to review this document.

I look forward to hearing from regarding your application to participate with the project. You can reach me at (402)562-1408 or at ddavidchik@cccneb.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Daniel D. Davidchik'.

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