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Dear Superintendent Spencer Larsen and Members of the Board,

I am writing to seek your support for a new student organization at Minico High School—the Future Educators Club – which will operate as a subsidiary of our existing FCCLA chapter. This initiative aligns with our district's commitment to educational excellence and addressing the growing need for qualified educators in our community and state.

Club Overview: The Future Educators Club will focus on introducing high school students to careers in education, providing them with hands-on experiences, mentorship opportunities, and professional development. This "grow our own" approach can help build a pipeline of future teachers who are already connected to our community.

Structure and Support:

- **Advisors:** Two school personnel have committed to serve as club advisors: Brooke Claridge and Britney Tracy
- **External Support:** We have secured a partnership with Idaho State University - Region 4, who will provide an outside consultant, Kaywin Cottle, to help guide our program
- **Leadership:** The club will be student-led with elected officers including the offices of President, Vice President, and Reporter

Benefits to Students and District:

- Creates a pathway for students interested in education careers
- Provides meaningful leadership and service opportunities
- Addresses teacher shortages by encouraging local students to consider education professions
- Strengthens our relationship with Idaho State University
- Builds upon our successful FCCLA framework rather than creating an entirely new organization

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this proposal further at your convenience, either at an upcoming board meeting or in a separate conversation.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support of our students' growth and development.

Sincerely,

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