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The Honorable Joe Lombardo, Governor
Attn: Ryan Cherry, Chief of Staff
State of Nevada
401 South Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Governor Lombardo:

Within the Lyon County School District, we face significant challenges with student engagement, career opportunities and loss of learning with non-traditional learners and at-risk learners. Due to various factors, these students are further behind than before. Our staff has been introduced to the Star Academy Program through our colleagues at the Elko County School District, and we believe this program could make a significant and timely impact in our school district. The goals and objectives align with our strategic plan and support our learning objectives for the students at Silver Stage Middle School.

The Star Academy program has been successfully operating across the country for nearly 20 years. Strong student performance has provided evidence of success for our targeted population and goals. Star Academy uses a hands-on, workforce development approach that links standardized curriculum with career opportunities. The program focuses on over-aged, academically challenged, and at-risk students, which is where our staff has persevered to engage and provide relevant academic curriculum.

With our student population suffering from various challenges, we believe a curriculum solution focused on instructional recovery and acceleration for our students will have a much-needed impact with getting our students back on track long-term. Our goal is to address eighth grade students with this program.

While we are very interested in the Star Academy Program, local funding is a challenge. We respectfully request assistance from the State of Nevada with identifying available funding to move forward with this innovative approach. Our team is ready and eager to commit our school and staffing resources and to begin implementation as soon as possible. Your consideration of our request is much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Tim Logan, Superintendent Lyon County School District