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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

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. Elko County SD introduced our staff to the outstanding success of Star Academy at Adobe Middle School, and we are confident this program will 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. The program emphasizes a hands-on, workforce development approach that links standardized curriculum with career opportunities. It focuses on over-aged, academically challenged, and at-risk students, which is where our staff has persevered to engage and provide relevant academic curriculum.

We are hopeful that the President's recent signing of the appropriations bill will help support and fully fund programs such as the Star Academy in Nevada. Given the current funding shortage in our county, the Star Academy would help address a critical need that existing county resources have been unable to meet due to funding limitations.

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 the entire eighth grade students with this program.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tim Logan'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'T' and 'L'.

Tim Logan
Superintendent, Lyon County School District