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Dr. Matthew J. Conway, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

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Dr. Alaa Sheta
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Dear Dr. Sheta,

Derby Middle School in Derby, Connecticut is pleased to collaborate with Southern Connecticut State University on a National Science Foundation grant for middle school teachers. The collaboration between higher education and schools is crucial to provide quality training that will have a direct impact on preparing teachers to teach 21st Century skills to our students. Participation in this grant will have a great impact on our teachers and students that we hope will translate into an increase of traditionally underrepresented populations of students into STEM careers. We look forward to collaborating with SCSU on this joint venture.

Sincerely,

Dr. Matthew J. Conway, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

c: Board of Education
Rachael Caggiano, Principal, Derby Middle School