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Kim Klein  
Holdrege Rotary Club  
Holdrege, NE 68949

Dear Ms. Klein:

ESU 11, our schools, and area businesses are in the process of developing mobile labs to place in our schools a minimum of 2 weeks per year. These labs will be transported in a trailer and set up in classrooms in each of our thirteen ESU 11 school districts—focusing on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. This project, ESU 11 CSI Labs (Create, Solve, Innovate), will be rolled out to all ESU 11 schools in the 2019-20 school year.

The goal is to develop problem solving and critical thinking skills in our youth and develop relationships between students and area businesses. These student are at the age when they should start thinking about what they might want to do with their lives beyond school. They need to start developing their skills, knowledge, curiosities, etc. Our business partners can help share the message that we need hardworking, critical thinking problem solvers right here in the Phelps County area. We hope that our efforts to educate and connect with students at a young age will get them to start thinking about a career right here at home.

We are in the process of raising funds for this 3-year project and would request a donation from the Holdrege Rotary Club to help with the equipment purchases and staffing expenses. We truly believe that our students and area businesses will benefit from the ESU 11 CSI Labs.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Greg Barnes