

Scott Carpenter Middle School

Adams County School District 50

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Letter of recommendation for the Adams County Education Consortium (ACEC)

As an education provider in Adams County, I am writing to extend my support for the mission and objectives of the Adams County Education Consortium (ACEC). This initiative will establish a more relevant form of instruction for all learner groups that I believe will assist in elevating the overall high school graduation rate and work readiness of the entire population.

As a educator and principal of a middle school, who has been in the business for fifteen years I have noticed a significant gap between what student expect from the real world and what is actually out there. I view this ACEC initiative not as a final destination for students or tracking, but as a stepping stone to a higher hourly wage that will empower students to have the financial capability to continue their education at the next level. Our students and community certainly will benefit from students who have a broader educational foundation that includes real world application. This allows students to create their own Plan A for success and leaves Plan B to be determined by each individual student.

A key motivation for learners is the ability to see the end benefit of time spent in instruction. Through greater experiential learning opportunities, exposure to a variety of businesses and industries, mentorship, and industry-specific academies of learning, we know that students will feel their overall learning experience will be greatly enriched.

Many of the ACEC's targeted programs will be designed to encourage full family participation, and those who are changing careers will find a fulfilling opportunity for employment within Adams County.

The strength of this partnership between Adams County school districts, area community colleges and the local business community is the kind of force for change that has the potential to prepare this community for the opportunities of the future. Our ability to train talent for the Fitzsimons campus needs, the ongoing growth industries of logistics, building trades, energy, telecommunication, software development and manufacturing is critical to our business health.

This is a remarkable group effort that deserves full support. I will continue to be a contributor to the outcome and will seek to involve and incorporate others into the mission.

Most sincerely,

Pat Sanchez
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