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CEC Governing Board
Colorado Early Colleges
Denver, CO

Dear Members of the CEC Governing Board,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic interest in the position of Executive Director of Early Colleges in Denver, CO, as advertised. With over two decades of experience as an educational systems leader, I am confident in my ability to lead Colorado Early Colleges (CEC) to new heights, ensuring academic excellence, financial stability, and a thriving community partnership. I am also willing and prepared to relocate to Denver immediately to facilitate a smooth transition into this role.

My career has been dedicated to driving student achievement, fostering innovative educational practices, and ensuring organizational efficiency and fiscal responsibility. As Superintendent of Schools in Park City, UT, I have led a top-ranked PK-12 district, managing a \$100 million budget and overseeing 5,000 students and 700 staff members. My leadership has resulted in significant accomplishments, including equitable student outcomes, advanced placement success, and the implementation of a data analytics system to monitor student performance.

In Greenwich, CT, I managed a \$446 million budget for 12,000 students across a high-performing district, spearheading strategic initiatives like a comprehensive facilities improvement plan and personalized learning programs. My tenure at Fremont School District 79 further highlights my ability to lead diverse educational settings, having implemented a district-wide personalized learning program and optimized staffing structures to enhance educational delivery.

Key elements of my leadership style align closely with the responsibilities and goals outlined in the Executive Director position at CEC:

1. Vision Setting and Strategic Leadership: I have consistently developed and communicated compelling strategic plans that align with organizational mission, vision, values and purpose. My experience in setting long-term goals and collaborating with stakeholders ensures that CEC will continue to thrive and innovate

2. Academic Success: My commitment to educational equity and excellence is reflected in my track record of improving academic outcomes through evidence-based practices, curriculum development, and data-driven decision-making.

3. Administrative and Financial Oversight: I possess extensive experience in managing large budgets, ensuring regulatory compliance, and fostering a culture of accountability and efficiency within educational institutions as well as grantwriting and implementation.

4. Community Relations and Professional Development: I excel in building strong community partnerships and have a proven ability to enhance professional development opportunities for staff, fostering a culture of continuous improvement and innovation.

My qualifications include a Doctorate of Education in Curriculum, Instruction, and Educational Leadership, and a wealth of experience in both educational and business leadership roles. I am adept at working with boards, managing substantial budgets, and implementing strategic plans that produce measurable results.

I am eager to bring my experience, passion, and vision to Colorado Early Colleges. I am confident that my leadership will contribute significantly to the success and growth of CEC. I am looking forward to the opportunity to discuss how my background, skills, and immediate relocation to Denver can benefit your organization.

Thank you for considering my application. I am excited about the possibility of leading CEC and contributing to its mission of providing quality educational opportunities to students.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jill Gildea, Ed.D
Enclosures: Resume