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To whom it may concern:

Please consider this letter as an indication of my support of the South Lyon Community Schools Robotics Club's application for the grant sponsored by The Educational Development and Stimulus Fund (EDSFUND). It is our intention to continue to enhance our promotion of "Women in Engineering" inherent in our Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) initiatives, primarily through our Robotics Club.

Along with matching funds, the revenue generated from the grant will make it possible to purchase a CNC machine that will support the students' primary design and construction of various robots. The robots will become an integral part of our promotional campaign (t-shirt launcher at Pink Out events) as well as providing a resource and tool for the design and construction of competition type robots as well.

South Lyon Schools is committed to equity for all students. Our diversity is one of more socio-economic than any other category. The grant would be a step in the right direction for not only supporting and training our challenged students but attract the gender minority in our STEM programming.

As an educator that supports authentic application of core subjects, the grant would go a long to helping us reach our target audience. The staff and parents have committed to continue a robotics program that has been designated as a model for others in the State and around country. With our foundation in place, our program will be able to continue its own vision but attract young women into engineering at the same time.

Feel free to contact me if you have questions regarding our capacity and commitment to see our "Women in Engineering" focus become another model for others to emulate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David E. Phillips". The signature is fluid and cursive.

David E. Phillips, PhD
Principal