April 27, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Family Engagement and Immersive Technology in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive the funding for this project is the National Center for Families Learning (NCFL), located at 325 W. Main Street Suite 300 Louisville, Kentucky 40202. This funding will be used to help close science opportunity gaps and improve social and emotional outcomes for middle school students at Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS).

NCFL has partnered with JCPS Title I middle school educators, families, and students, along with youth-serving community-based organizations, to learn about, practice, and apply Next Generation Science Standard competencies to address and solve community problems. By using NCFL’s research-based Family Service Learning approach, educators and families will connect to JCPS’s Open SciEd curriculum, providing opportunities for deeper, project-based learning. Families will demonstrate their science skills and knowledge as a capstone to their shared learning experience. NCFL will make available opportunities for students and families to design a demonstration of their learning through virtual reality (VR) technology. This funding will help NCFL increase middle school parent and student involvement while using science-based education to support up to 50 participants and 70 families. Throughout the project, all participants will learn about and practice researched-based interactions with each other that prioritize healthy, supportive relationships.
I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

John Yarmuth
Member of Congress