

UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Supporters,

The Krause Center of Innovation (KCI) has been a strong and supportive partner in innovative educational professional development with our district for the past 4 years. KCI has provided outstanding, "state of the art" professional development for our teachers, which has accelerated and revolutionized learning in all of our K-8 classrooms.

Nearly 75% of our K-8 teachers have enjoyed powerful, cutting edge tailored summer technology learning and extended academic year support from KCI. This learning has enabled our teachers to integrate technology successfully in the classroom. Because of the KCI, our teachers are now powerful facilitators, who collaborate, create and inspire our students. As a result, our students are now fully engaged in learning and connect, share, motivate and inspire each other and many others around the world.

Perhaps the most important outcome of our teachers' experience as a KCI learner is that they integrate technology, almost seamlessly, into the classroom. Because of KCI, our teachers have confidence and use a variety of hardware and software tools, including free web applications. What our teachers appreciated most about their experience is that the KCI instructors had real world experience and provided rich, relevant offerings. The staff took our teachers from any level and made sure that they were inspired and successful. I received many follow-up emails and notes from happy teachers that commented how the experience enabled them to prepare and deliver meaningful lessons that allow students to engage creatively and think critically. In essence, KCI has enabled our teachers and students to love learning and moved our teaching and learning to higher levels of excellence.

In sum, the KCI team has transformed learning in Union School District, and has made a positive and significant difference in the lives of thousands of our students. Our teachers now enthusiastically and routinely collaborate, connect and share powerful common core learning strategies, as they prepare all of our 6000+ students to be successful contributors, with opportunities as leaders in a global, changing environment.

Sincerely, Terri N. Stromfeld Assistant Superintendent