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Dick Dieffenderfer, Consultant  
Technology Education and Environmental Education  
Office of Curriculum & Instruction  
Ohio Department of Education  
25 South Front Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Mr. Dieffenderfer,

Project Lead The Way, Inc. (PLTW) is a not-for-profit, secondary STEM education program that features curriculum programs in over 2300 secondary schools nationwide in 2007-08. In Ohio the PLTW™ network of schools has grown to approximately 153 campuses. Our mission is to create dynamic partnerships with our nation's schools to prepare an increasing and more diverse group of students to be successful in science, engineering, and engineering technology programs. As an organization we believe a quality curriculum program like **Project Lead The Way®** is significantly enhanced by an extracurricular program such as the Technology Student Association (TSA).

The success of student and school programs can be attributed to various factors, including the combination of a carefully developed curriculum and extracurricular programs and organizations that support the instruction in the classroom with open-ended challenges designed to enhance students' problem solving capabilities. Many competitive events offered through the TSA program are extensions of concepts being taught in the PLTW™ classroom. It is my opinion that TSA is an exceptional program for students to enhance their learning and extend their PLTW™ classroom experiences.

Student organizations like TSA have a long-established history geared to help students during their early journey through life to develop the desire for life-long learning, to work hard each day, to motivate themselves, and to enrich the lives of others. TSA helps students develop these attributes, as well as their personal gifts, their personality, and their uniqueness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Grimsley".

Richard Grimsley  
Vice President of Programs  
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