## EIS Technology Department

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Chuck Jewell, Director of Technology

Mrs. Kelli Bush, Superintendent Elizabethtown Independent School District 219 Helm St. Elizabethtown, KY 42701

Dear Mrs. Bush,

Elizabethtown Independent Schools has a rich history of participation and success in the Kentucky Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP). This program offers students the ability to sharpen their skills in technology, and showcase those skills in a competitive experience that has the potential to shape the lives of every student involved.

The pandemic has unfortunately brought with it unprecedented disruption in the state STLP program, which has negatively affected the participation of students and sponsors district-wide.

In an effort to increase participation and give proper compensation to those involved, I would like to formally request to the EIS Board of Education that we offer a stipend of \$800 per school to one staff member to take on all of the responsibilities associated with STLP. This includes developing one or more group projects, as well as preparing individuals for entries in the regional and state competitions. This would align our district with surrounding districts who provide a stipend for their STLP programs.

Funding for stipends will be provided by our district's KETS funding. This is aligned with not only statewide regulations for the use of KETS funding, but also our very own district technology plan, which includes language that promotes the use of KETS to support each school's STLP program.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Chuck Jewell CIO/DTC

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