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Subject: Grant Request for Anchorage Public School's Future Innovation Lab

Dear [REDACTED],

I am writing to request the support of your foundation through grant funding for the Anchorage Public School's future Innovation Lab. This initiative is designed to foster creativity, problem-solving, and hands-on learning among our students. Our goal is to create a dynamic, state-of-the-art learning environment where students can engage in projects related to science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM) in order to better prepare them for the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century.

The Anchorage Public School's future Innovation Lab will serve as a resource hub, providing students with access to cutting-edge tools, equipment, and learning materials. This includes, but is not limited to, 3D printers, robotics kits, coding software, and collaborative workspaces. The lab will empower students to think critically, collaborate, and develop practical skills that will set them up for success in high school, college, career, and beyond. After completing our initial draft with costs identified in the \$275,000.00 range, we realized the need to request additional funding for professional learning and the opportunity to expand the program in the areas of special projects, workshops, and/or student competitions. The categories outlined below would assist us through the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year AND the 2025-2026 school year with only the need for replenishment of supplies and updated technology.

Specifically, we are seeking funding (**\$300,000.00**) to help cover the costs of:

1. **Technology Equipment (\$195,000.00):** This includes computers, laptops, robotics kits, 3D printers, and other digital resources.
2. **Professional Development (\$10,000.00):** Training for teachers to effectively use and integrate innovative tools and teaching methods in the classroom.
3. **Space Renovation and Design (\$80,000.00):** Refurbishing and outfitting our existing classroom spaces to accommodate hands-on learning and collaboration.
4. **Student Workshops and Program Expansion (\$15,000.00):** Funding for the implementation of special workshops, student projects, and competitions that will allow them to apply their learning.

Through this initiative, we aim to inspire and equip the next generation of leaders, innovators, and thinkers. Our Innovation Lab will not only enhance academic learning but also provide our students with the skills and mindset to thrive in an ever-evolving world.

We believe that your organization's mission to identify, fund, and nurture projects for youth development aligns with the values of our program, and your support would make a significant impact in the lives of our students. Your contribution will inspire action, create positive change

in our school community and improve lives. We would greatly appreciate the opportunity to make this vision a reality. Thank you for considering this request. I look forward to hearing from you and hope to work together to enhance educational opportunities for our community.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharla Six". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Sharla Six, Interim Superintendent
Anchorage Public Schools