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Mr. Harold M. Brewer, Sr. VP for Programs
The Centers for Quality Teaching and Learning
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Dear Harold,

Our system decided to investigate a program offered by the Center for Quality Teaching and Learning because we believed that it was imperative to improve instruction in our class rooms. Serving a large at-risk population and bringing these students up to grade level has been a major challenge; therefore, we have looked at a variety of strategies for improving both teacher and student performance.

I observed a QTL lab and reviewed the professional development curriculum before deciding to pursue QTL. When I shared my experience with the members of our leadership team, they wholeheartedly supported the concepts of the program and the potential it would bring to improving class room instruction at all levels.

I must tell you that after almost a year QTL has far exceeded my expectations. Our teachers are receiving strategies and training on validated best practices and methods on utilizing technology in the classroom. All of our teachers who have completed the training demonstrate greater levels of dedication and enthusiasm as a result of their improved knowledge of strategies and techniques in their craft. Over the next two years, every teacher in our system will receive this training, using our QTL lab. We are pleased to report that Lexington City Schools has joined our initiative and a significant number of their teachers will also experience this valuable training.

In summary, I recommend the QTL initiative to every school system looking for cutting edge, research based quality instruction.

We appreciate the invaluable contributions of your organization in making this opportunity such a success for our teachers and their students.

Sincerely,

Daniel A. Cockman, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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