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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Brian M. Troop, Ed.D.  
Superintendent  
Ephrata Area School District  
803 Oak Boulevard  
Ephrata, PA 17522

Dear Dr. Troop:

It was good to hear from you again and learn more about “The Life Ready Graduate” program developed by Ephrata Area School District as a means for student success after graduation that is both research-based and endorsed by the community.

I reviewed “The Life Ready Graduate” program and commend you and your team for such a program which is aligned to the efforts in Pennsylvania’s ESSA Consolidated State Plan. The program promotes equitable access to a well-rounded, rigorous, and personalized education that supports career readiness skills that will help students succeed in the workplace and community. The three-pillar profile approach to Knowledge, Skills, and Dispositions, in “The Life Ready Graduate” certificate program is providing students the foundational means and pathways to reach their fullest potential.

Thank you for your commitment to career and “life” readiness preparation for Pennsylvania students. I wish you continued success in “The Life Ready Graduate” certificate program and look forward to updates as the program is implemented.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew S. Stem".

Matthew S. Stem  
Deputy Secretary