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To: Chairman Dan Kerschen and the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee

From: Dr. Craig A. Correll, Superintendent of USD 445

Re: Testimony in Support of SB 405

Dear Chairman Kerschen:

As Superintendent of Coffeyville Public Schools, I would like to express my full support of the potential incredible opportunity to add a successful industry to our area. I have developed a relationship with all area business and industry leaders and often seek out their input and opinions regarding how our schools can continuously seek to improve the quality of graduates. One of our goals is to create a pipeline of qualified employees for jobs and careers available in our community.

The Community Advisory Panel was formed over a year ago. This group of business and industry leaders meets several times throughout the school year. Their mission is to help to guide the district in how we educate our high school students. Academics are not the only goal of this group. Educating students in the areas of self-regulation and soft skills (being on time, getting along with others, emphasizing attendance...) has been a major focal point and an area that Coffeyville Public Schools has seen great gains.

Coffeyville Public Schools currently has the model for Early Education in the state of Kansas. While we know that high quality early education helps to ensure success later in life, we also see the benefit of this program to employers. Universal, free preschool enables our employers to attract young families to the community.

In recent years Coffeyville has seen a large influx in both migrant and students whose native language is not English. Supports have been put in place for both groups of students and their families. We have seen tremendous success with these families, as evidenced by their continued move to Coffeyville.

Please feel free to reach out to me with questions. Our school district is known across the state as a very progressive district and always willing to adapt as the needs of our community change. We are here to serve our students first and foremost, which includes preparing them for careers in our community.

Dr. Craig A. Correll
Superintendent
Coffeyville Public Schools

Valuing Individuals. Celebrating Learning. Improving Life!
USD 445 will provide a happy, caring, hopeful environment that will empower children to
achieve their greatest potential.

USD #445 Mission Statement

Building on our culturally diverse community, USD 445 will prepare all students for life-long learning by providing resources for a comprehensive quality education in a safe environment that promotes high academic achievement and responsible citizenship in a global society.