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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am honored to write a letter of recognition to the Columbia Area Career Center SkillsUSA chapter. Their community service project "Cause an Effect" has had a tremendous impact on the Columbia area and the students of Columbia Public Schools.

Electronic waste is a growing environmental concern. Not only do electronics account for 70% of the toxic waste in landfills, it is the fastest growing solid waste category. At the same time, electronic recycling program rarely focus on putting reclaimed products in the hands of those that truly need them.

The Cause an Effect project does both. Students provide the community with an environmentally responsible way of disposing of unwanted electronics. By refurbishing donated equipment, students have provided valuable computers resources to a variety of CPS organizations, including Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID) and Center of Responsive Education (CORE), among others.

As the district's AVID Coordinator, I am so grateful for CACC's SkillsUSA chapter's donation of refurbished computers to our AVID students to use in their homes. A working computer at home will impact the lives of these AVID students and their siblings for years and further their efforts to become students who are college and career ready. The donations also reinforce the concept of community and that many people are interested in their success in school and in life.

We are proud to support SkillsUSA , the Columbia Area Career Center and the Cause an Effect project. This student project has certainly "caused an effect" in our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shanna Dale". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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