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Members of the Colorado State Board of Education:

The purpose of this letter is to endorse the proposal being submitted by Vista Ridge POWER ZONE schools and zone innovation plans consisting of the school innovation plans at Odyssey Elementary School, Ridgeview Elementary School, Stetson Elementary School, Skyview Middle School, and Vista Ridge High School. We have been working closely with Innovation Zone Leader Bob Felice and the building principals, and our organization is fully committed to the innovations being implemented in that zone; we believe in the vision and we believe in the dedicated professionals advancing it on behalf of the Power Zones' students.

Implementing creative, efficient, student-focused, research-based methods of meeting the needs of students has been an integral part of their professional culture. Designating Odyssey Elementary School, Ridgeview Elementary School, Stetson Elementary School, Skyview Middle School and Vista Ridge High School as an innovation schools will enable this groundbreaking work to flourish and to serve as a model for others.

Falcon School District 49 fully endorses the zone's proposal and look forward to supporting the work to ensure that their students are successful while they are in K-12 school, in college, and in all other aspects of their lives.

Sincerely,

Ms. Tammy Harold

Falcon School District 49

President-Board of Education

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