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Dear Mr. Cofield

I am extremely happy to write this letter of support for the Constitution Project, Inc., and the impact this project has made on our school district and our students. Our initial awareness of the program was during the 2015-2016 school year when you made a visit to our school district offering "donated/free of charge" pocket sized Constitution booklets for our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Because we are such a small, rural district, you actually had enough booklets to accommodate our 7<sup>th</sup> graders as well. As booklets of this nature are no longer included in the regular curriculum, we were ecstatic! The booklets were immediately distributed to our three elementary schools and our middle school. The booklets were easy to understand and included a question/answer section for the students. I can honestly say that this sparked a renewed interest in making students aware of one of the oldest and most influential legal documents in existence.

At the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year, you once again made a visit to our school district and we obtained the updated/revised booklet; one that included a study guide and a place for students to take notes. These were delivered to our 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students. Our history teachers have now been encouraged to expand their lesson plans to include and celebrate the greatest vision of human freedom in history, the U.S. Constitution.

Your passion and excitement in promoting the United States Constitution/Declaration of Independence in the schools around the state is commendable. The School District of DeSoto County is proud to note that, due to your determination and fortitude, our students are becoming more and more knowledgeable of the supreme law of the United States of America.

Many Thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karyn E. Gary".

Dr. Karyn E. Gary  
Superintendent