Good Afternoon,

My name is Jessica Yang and I am the Get Ready Supervisor and work closely with Saint Paul Public Schools and St. Cloud Public Schools. <u>Get Ready</u> is a federally funded grant initiative offered through the U.S. Department of Education. Get Ready offers a plethora of resources and services to districts and schools throughout the State of Minnesota to build on our postsecondary pathways curriculum to match students to additional academic enrichment opportunities, increase exposure and access to colleges and career exploration, enhance financial literacy, and aid schools in leading a college-going culture.

Due to COVID and state and district regulations, students and families have significantly less accessibility and exposure to postsecondary institutions, businesses, and organizations. I am working with schools to connect students and families to these entities through a virtual means. There are a range of services we are interested in collaborating on, including virtual career speaker videos, live career speaker sessions, and virtual career fairs.

I am coordinating a virtual career fair for students and would like you to be a part of it. We are looking to obtain the following information:

Photos of your organization, team, and you

A short bio about your organization

A short video that answers the following questions (3 to 5 minutes)

- 1. What is your professional title?
- 2. What do you do in your career?
- 3. How has your career changed/evolved since COVID? What is the same? What is different?
- 4. What do you enjoy most about your career?
- 5. What steps did you have to take to reach your career? (education, experience, skills)
- 6. What advice do you have for high school students as they begin planning for life after school?

Please let me know if you or someone in your organization would be interested in participating. It would be appreciated if you could forward this communication to others in your organization.

Thank you for your willingness to support our students.

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