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Dear Mark:

At the Governance Board meeting of the Central Nevada Educational Technology Consortium (CNETC) this morning, we, the superintendents of the member school districts and the university representative to the board, passed a motion of unanimous support for the consortium model and request that you consider writing the upcoming RFP to allow us to apply for funding under the competitive portion of the Federal EETT program, which has funded the consortia the past three years. The CNET Consortium has given small, rural districts educational technology opportunities that under another model, we would not have. While some of us have been disappointed with the train-the trainer model of the CNETC, we remain firmly committed to the Consortium itself and feel that modifications in its structure could fulfil the requirements of NCLB, as well as serve our districts better than other proposals being considered. We would like the opportunity to change the mission, focus and activities of the CNETC to better align our efforts with the direction you feel the state should be moving. We believe that we can develop a model that will continue to meet rural needs and also show the required scientifically based student achievement results.

We look forward to the opportunity to discuss this further with you.

The CNETC Governance Board:
Steve Cook, Mineral County
Dan Fox, Pershing County
Rob Roberts, Ginger Olson, Nye County
Rick Hardy, Lincoln County
Bill Slentz for Donn Livoni, Churchill County
Sean Moyle for Nat Lommori, Lyon County
Lisa Fontana for John Soderman, Douglas County
Jennifer Byington for Curtis Jordan, Esmeralda County
LaMont Johnson, University of Nevada, Reno