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Dear Jennifer and Emerging Opportunities Committee,

Thank you for offering me the opportunity to present my program with Zaria, Shaneece, Savannah and her mom, Ashley. You all have very hard decisions ahead. I appreciate how difficult it must be to allocate the money available.

There was something I wanted to say the evening of the presentation that I did not feel comfortable saying aloud in the presence of the West 12th graders: They were selected specifically because they are what we call our "hall wanderers", students who are disengaged from traditional school, often skipping class. Six of the chosen students needed this alternative type of credit to push them up to the 22 credit requirement toward graduation. They would not be graduating this spring otherwise. Our principals and behavior team would have hoped to have funded a lot more students.

Please consider funding us at our requested amount so that we can place 12 students and continue studying the effects of this program.

Additionally, I am in negotiation with Edgewood College; they are considering funding a class that would simultaneously serve as a Social Studies credit toward high school graduation and as college credit.

Thank you kindly,

Denise M. Hanson