



December 15, 2022

RE: USD 420 Letter of Support for the Rural Vitality Center Project

To whom it may concern,

As the representative of USD 420 - Osage City School District, I am pleased to write a letter of support for the Rural Vitality Center Project by the Future Service Leaders Organization and E Center for USD 420 to be a strategic partner on this project.

The Rural Vitality Center will serve academic and social-emotional learning opportunities to USD 420 in a variety of ways that is positive for the students and staff not only at USD 420 but in Osage County. USD 420, along with other area school districts, are focusing on postsecondary success for the students to aid in the economic development of the future in Osage County and surrounding counties. The opportunities the Rural Vitality Center will provide will be an additional support service to provide experiences and engagement for students they might not receive in a traditional educational setting. The activities will also be valuable to administrators, teachers, and staff to help them grow in their profession to better serve students.

The Rural Vitality Center will also be very beneficial to the surrounding communities to provide them opportunities in improving not only the economic development of their communities but also allow for personal growth.

The vision for the Rural Vitality Center is directly inline with the vision of the Kansas State Board of Education and area school districts in helping our students to be successful graduates and be able to provide for themselves, their families, and their communities.

It is with great pleasure to let you know the USD 420 School Board unanimously voted, at their December board meeting, to be a strategic partner for the Rural Vitality Center Project, and looks forward to the opportunities it will provide for area school districts and communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ted Hessong", with a long, sweeping underline that extends across the page.

Ted Hessong
Superintendent
USD 420 - Osage City Schools