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Dear Corporate Partner,

Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Detroit strives each day to provide an education focused on both high academic achievement andcharacter formation. We are committed to continually enhancing the authentic student-centered educational experience of our students—particularly in the disciplines of science, technology, engineering and mathematics—to produce highly-competent future leaders.

 We are thrilled, therefore, to have recently been approved by the National Center for Earth and Space Science Education to participate in the Student Spaceflight Experiments Program (SSEP) Mission 12 which will bring the STREAM (Science, Religion/Reading, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics) education model to life for our fourth through eighth grade students. During the project, our group will be immersed in microgravity experiment design and proposal writing, ultimately producing 30-35 proposals as a learning community with the goal of having one of our proposals launched with the next mission to the International Space Station in 2018.

 Participation in the SSEP program will empower our schools to:

* Offer students the opportunity to slip on the shoes of the researcher and participate in real experiment design in a wide-range of scientific fields;
* Interface with the local and regional STREAM community—connecting with experts and resources;
* Develop critical and abstract thinkers who attend to precision and are confident problem solvers; and
* Encourage future implementation of STREAM-related projects across core content areas.

 As a non-public school system, we are unable to fund many important projects through our operating budget and rely on the support of generous corporations and organizations like yours for the additional resources, and this project is no exception. We invite you to consider investing in our students—our future innovators in science, mathematics, engineering and technology—and partnering with us to make this impactful program a reality.

 We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this project and potential partnership with you further and will follow up soon to see if that would be a possibility. In the meantime, we thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

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