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Dear Educator,

I would like you to consider applying for an exciting professional development project where you will interact with other educators and partner with leaders from business and industry. In this partnership, you will participate in activities that can impact both your classroom and individual growth.

Next summer, Central Community College, along with its partners from the University of Nebraska at Omaha, will host its third educator cohort of Project SHINE (Shaping High-quality Integrated Nebraska Education), a three-year project funded by the National Science Foundation. The goal of Project SHINE is to engage secondary and college faculty in collaborative relationships with business and industry leading to experiential, problem-based learning, ultimately increasing student participation and success entering high demand technical careers.

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Put simply, the intent of Project SHINE is to:

- Get businesses and schools jointly engaged in teaching and learning
- Provide teachers with individual business mentors
- Support teachers with an answer to the student's question, "Why do I need to know this?"
- Expose teachers and students to STEM skills required to be successful in business environments

Project SHINE participants should plan on the following time commitment:

- Onsite group workshop activities from Monday, June 4, 2012, to Friday, June 8, 2012, and Monday, June 11, 2012, to Thursday, June 14, 2012.
- Four days for an additional business externship and curriculum development session near your school location. The dates will fall between the end of the onsite workshop and the middle of July for these activities and will be determined in spring 2012.
- One day end-of-summer transition workshop on July 30, 2012.

This letter complements the *Project SHINE Educator Overview and Application*. Please take the time to review these documents and consider applying.

I welcome your questions. I would be glad to schedule a mutually convenient time to meet with you. You can reach me at (402)562-1408 or at ddavidchik@cccneb.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Daniel D. Davidchik'.

Daniel D. Davidchik
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