Dear [Name of Supervisor},

The Kentucky Association for Gifted Education is going virtual, this year, and I am interested in attending. The conference is the premier event for gifted education professionals in our state. The virtual KAGE 41st Annual Conference – February 23-24, 2021 - is filled with original content-rich sessions, including live keynotes and concurrent sessions, exhibits, special issues discussions, and opportunities to network with colleagues from across the state and, because the conference is virtual, beyond Kentucky.

The focus is on evidence-based practices in the field of gifted education. The opening keynote speaker is. Dr. Joseph Renzulli who is preeminent in the field of gifted education. Other keynote speakers include Colin Seale and Dr. Joy Lawson Davis who each bring unique perspectives to serving gifted learners. There are sessions especially designed for differentiating curriculum, identifying and serving students especially in diverse populations, and more, all framed around outcomes for students. I’ll be building my knowledge base on who advanced learners are, how to appropriately identify and serve them, as well as gaining additional strategies to engage and challenge all my students.

The conference sessions feature state, national, and international presenters in the field of gifted education who have a variety of experiences and expertise. Through engaging and in-depth workshops from these presenters, I will be bringing back invaluable lessons learned and practical strategies to implement in my classroom and share with others. **Expanding my knowledge base**, enhancing my professional skills, and networking with colleagues, exhibitors, and speakers will prove to be invaluable for me.

The conference provides a place to develop key competencies based on gifted education standards so that our school/district can better serve all gifted students appropriately. I would be happy to prepare a presentation and Q & A for my colleagues to share the valuable learning and resources I discover at this conference.

The conference offers ElLA credit and/or conference credit.  Additionally, recorded content from the 41st KAGE Annual Conference will be available for viewing at my own pace until the end of September 2021. Information about the conference can be found at http://kagegifted.org/conf2021. I have been following the conference on Facebook and there is a lot of buzz about this event!

KAGE is also offering an Administrators Institute - February 9, 2021 - as part of the conference. The Institute is designed especially for school leaders to listen, interact, and learn from colleagues who have programs and services designed for the development of talent as well as services for advanced learners. If you are interested in attending, more information can be found at http://kagegifted.org/admin2021/.

The virtual convention platform makes the conference even more accessible and convenient to attend this year and is cost-effective without the added expense of travel and lodging. The cost to attend the conference is $250.

I am confident you will see this as a worthwhile investment. This is an opportunity for me to attend invaluable educational sessions where I'll gain specific information and strategies to help me become a more effective educator. My attendance at this conference is a wise investment and will payoff for years to come.

**Thank you for considering this request. I look forward to your reply.**

Sincerely,