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Dear Dana,

I want to thank you for bringing your expertise, talents, and enthusiasm to Downtown Las Vegas and to students in the Clark County School District. I thank you for enabling nearly 300 students from several CCSD elementary schools to experience the Youth Education Spaceship. The Y.E.S. project was well received by all the students, teachers and parents who were able to participate in the CCSD field trips. Your spaceship was an incredible example of how science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM!) all work together. The recycled art (mosaics) on the spaceship are beautiful and they actually provided a time-capsule of repurposed items. The inside of the spaceship was very informative and fun with the video showing how you worked with students and many others on the project; the camera that simulated a remote controlled camera on space vehicles; and the lights, sounds and other technologies that the students were able to explore.

In addition to the spaceship, we were very pleased with the accompanying robot demonstrations. Kal Spellitich and his recycled robots were great, and gave our students many ideas about how robots can be used for entertainment, for art, and for assistance in life.

Finally, thank you for sharing your amazing artistic talent with our students as they engaged in creating their own mosaic pieces of art. As you shared your talents and tools, you also helped the students understand that many skills in addition to artistic abilities are needed to be an artist.

As the Clark County School District STEM partnership coordinator, I thank you for enabling nearly 300 students from several CCSD elementary schools to experience Y.E.S. If you have the opportunity to return to Clark County and the Las Vegas, Nevada area and would like to share additional projects with our students, please do not hesitate to call our office or email me. We truly appreciate all of the time, effort, expense, and talent that went into putting YES together and look forward to possible future partnerships. Thank you again!

Sincerely,



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