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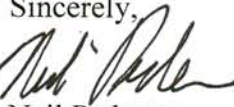
Dear Susan,

The primary goal of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools is to graduate all students with the knowledge and skills to be successful in their later lives. To achieve this, we must create an educational framework that includes rigor, relevance, and relationships, and I believe Futures for Kids (F4K) is a tool that will help us accomplish that.

F4K utilizes hundreds of career profiles that offer candid assessments of coursework and other steps necessary to succeed in a particular field. Students can use this information as a context for establishing goals and create a four-year graduation plan based on the courses offered within their school. The integrated nature of the program serves to reinforce the relevance of the courses they are taking, and students have a dynamic graduation plan that can follow them through their academic careers. The virtual nature of the program also gives parents an opportunity to explore with their children and assist in course selection.

Another essential component of our schools is community involvement. F4K creates an avenue for the community to participate as a full partner in the educational system and provide the resources necessary to support an educational system of the highest quality. Individuals can offer guidance and encouragement as Career Coaches, even serving as virtual mentors for the North Carolina Graduation Project, while businesses can reach out to students to let them know about the opportunities that exist within their community.

In harnessing the power of today's technology, F4K is a valuable asset in our mission to empower all of our students and produce effective, contributing members of the community and workforce.

Sincerely,

Neil Pedersen
Superintendent