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To Whom It May Concern,

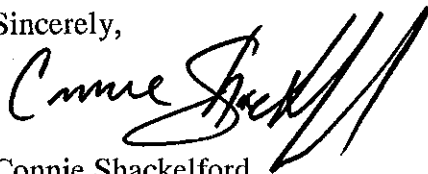
I am writing this letter in support of the Remington Elementary School Innovation Plan. My name is Connie Shackelford and I am a parent of three students that attend Remington. I am also a member of the Remington (SAC) School Accountability Committee and the Falcon (DAAC) District Accountability Advisory Committee. There have been several meetings and discussions I have been privileged to be involved regarding the innovation process.

As Falcon District 49 put Innovation Zones in place in the spring of 2011, Remington Elementary began the initial stages of their proposal. Based on the preliminary work of the Innovation Assembly on March 8<sup>th</sup>, and the Innovation Convention on March 15<sup>th</sup>, the Sand Creek zone was ready to select specific innovations to include in the application.

As Remington began to craft their innovation plan, they determined the need for authority to select and implement educational curriculum and textbooks which would align with state and local standards. The Remington team leaders agreed that having the autonomy to craft their academic schedule would increase student achievement. Through their planning process all school stakeholders were given an opportunity to provide input to the innovation plan. On November 4<sup>th</sup>, Remington held a vote to secure approval. The vote passed 21 yes and 11 no which was certified by Don Begier, Executive Officer for Education Services.

After participating and being actively involved with this process, I am excited for the future of this plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Connie Shackelford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Connie Shackelford