December 11, 2014

Sonya Christian  
President  
Bakersfield College  
1801 Panorama Drive  
Bakersfield, CA 93305

Dear Sonya Christian,

The Kern High School District values and promotes community partnerships that support continuous learning and achievement for our students. Through partnerships, we seek to create compatible and integrative systems, where students may seamlessly transition between grade levels and into college or the workforce. This is why our district strongly supports Bakersfield College’s Baccalaureate of Applied Science (BAS) in Industrial Automation. This program will provide increased relevance to many of our students’ high school education and a clear and aspirational pathway for post-secondary work that will lead them to a viable career. Offering a BAS in Industrial Automation will also provide opportunities for our district and the college to work together to build courses that give our students dual or transfer credit, strong program components that would incentivize more students to complete their a-g college entrance requirements and enroll into college immediately after high school. Finally, the BAS in Industrial Automation will help us to broaden our Career and Technical Education programs, a critical need for our students’ overall education and livelihood, as well as for our community’s general well-being.

The Kern High School District’s ultimate goal is to raise each student’s level of personal expectation and accomplishment in order to elevate our community’s standard of living and quality of life. Bakersfield College’s BAS will unify our educational efforts to meet this goal.

Sincerely,

Bryon J. Schaefer, Ed.D.  
Superintendent  
Kern High School District  
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