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Timothy Smith, Ed.D.
Co-Founder & CEO, Learning Matters Educational Group
Vince Medina
Founding Principal

Dear Dr. Smith and Mr. Medina,

Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) is committed to providing opportunities for students to receive experiential learning opportunities in applied public health practice. SNHD is aware of the importance of the public health workforce pipeline, as evidenced by the need to hire and train over 200 new staff members during the COVID-19 pandemic. SNHD is excited about the opportunity to collaborate with ThrivePoint Academy on a workforce-ready youth pipeline.

SNHD has over 800 employees in the divisions of administration, community health, disease surveillance and control, environmental health, primary and preventive care, and the Southern Nevada Community Health Center (a Federally Qualified Health Center). SNHD's mission is "to assess, protect, and promote the health, the environment, and the well-being of Southern Nevada communities, residents, and visitors." We look forward to welcoming ThrivePoint Academy students in our mission.

SNHD anticipates being able to offer continued support for ThrivePoint Academy students through internships, pre-apprenticeships, and job shadowing in areas such as referral navigation, disease surveillance, medical coding and billing, and information technology and informatics.

Sincerely,

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