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Administration of Goliad Elementary School:

College begins in kindergarten, correct? The preparation for the SAT's, ACT's, GRE's, and any other acronym of standardized testing begins with a solid foundation of kindergarten. Wouldn't you agree? But, where is the preparation for life? What if you replace the word college in the opening sentence of this letter with the word life? Imagine the places it would take our students if we reconditioned the functionality of our already satisfactory program with something better.

I would like to begin an innovative initiative within my classroom to foster a more engaging student centered learning environment that will better prepare our students for their life, not just their educational career. I am proposing to pilot a blended learning classroom that will increase student engagement and productivity. With the learner at the forefront of this innovation, they, the students, will develop choice, ownership and voice through a variety of different learning centers that could include STEM, tactile learning or technology.

The proposed project timeline is 12 to 18 months. During this time, I will be conducting research and sharing my data of the results with you periodically. I am asking for your support, patience, feedback and feed forward while I muster through what works and what needs improvement to make the student's learning the most effective. I hope you are just as excited to see the lives we change by allowing students to take control of their learning and making it their own.

Thank you,

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