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Brian Gordon-Director  
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Dear Mr. Gordon;

My name is Peter Mancini and I am the Education Product Manager at Mastercam. I am writing this letter in support of Mark Smith's Industrial Technology program at Reed-Custer High School, 249 Comet Drive, Braidwood, IL 60408. Reed-Custer has been a Mastercam customer since 1998.

The skills gap in the Manufacturing industry has been well documented. As always, the best way to bridge the gap is by increasing the number of students interested in manufacturing. Mark's Industrial Technology program is vital since it focuses on the use of engineering and manufacturing technology. We feel so strongly about Mark and his program that we donated money last year to help send one of his students to the AWFS (Association of Woodworking & Finishing's Suppliers) conference.

Thank you for taking the time to understand my perspective about the Reed-Custer High School's Industrial Technology program. I think the program is essential and beneficial for our nation's youth and the health of the Manufacturing industry.

Thank You,

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