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Dear Administrator,

My name is Haley Moehlis, current President of the Iowa Council of Teachers of English. ICTE is a professional organization that seeks to support English/ Language Arts professionals in every stage of their career.

I'm writing on behalf of a teacher in your building/district who would like to attend the ICTE Conference, held in Johnston, IA October 9th and 10th.

Literacy is a major focus in most schools' improvement plans. This conference will provide teachers with a wealth of ideas to take back to your district. Teachers from across the state attend, and there are many opportunities to network and build upon the ideas of others who may be striving toward some of the same goals.

In addition to the wealth of knowledge our currently practicing teachers bring through breakout sessions, we are also very pleased to share that we have two nationally recognized speakers: **Shelbie Witte**, professor of adolescent literacy and English Education and co-editor of NCTE's *Voices in the Middle Journal*, and **Rebekah O'Dell**, co-founder of Moving Writers and co-author of *Beyond Literary Analysis*.

This literacy conference provides some of the most powerful professional development in the state. Sessions are aligned with the Iowa Core, focus on diversity and equity issues, address trends in grading practices and current pedagogy, and celebrate teachers who are expert in their craft.

I know your teacher/s will benefit greatly from the conference.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Haley Moehlis