Dear Administrator,

With the goal of strengthening my writing instruction, I am requesting permission and funding to attend the **Best-of-Smekens Writing Conference (Writing Remix)**.

This two-day conference provides 30 session options, all focused on teaching writing. I am able to select the sessions I will attend which allows me to specifically choose topics that will make a direct impact on my writing instruction.

Overall session categories include:

* Six Traits of Writing
* Grammar and Conventions
* Writing About Reading
* Modes and Genres
* Writer's Workshop Management
* Text-Based Responses

After considering these topical areas, I hope you will see the value of my attendance at this conference for the following reasons:

**I will learn from experienced writing consultants.**

Veteran writing consultants Kristina Smekens, Kristi McCullough, and Courtney Gordon crafted each of the sessions out of their years in the classroom. They know what it takes to succeed in today’s classroom environment and will effectively guide me toward greater success in my own classroom.

**I will be equipped with practical strategies to build stronger writers.**

After attending professional development led by Smekens Education, teachers leave excited and ready to apply new ideas with their own students. The practical strategies that I will learn are rooted in best-practice research and can be immediately implemented in my own instruction.

**I will receive ready-to-use classroom tools and resources.**

With my conference registration, I will receive lifetime access to digital resources that allow me to implement the ideas when I return to my classroom. Though I will attend 10 sessions over two days, I will receive valuable instructional materials for all 30 sessions.

I believe this writing conference will positively impact my instruction and benefit each of my students. Thank you in advance for considering this investment into my development.

Sincerely,