June 19, 2018

The Honorable Atif Qarni
Secretary of Education
Patrick Henry Building, 4th Floor
1111 Broad Street
Richmond VA 23219

Dear Secretary Qarni,

The Virginia Department of Health Professions issues licenses to health care practitioners in 62 different disciplines, including certified nurse aides, pharmacy technicians, and surgical technologists. We also administer the Healthcare Workforce Data Center (HWDC), which collects and analyzes supply-side healthcare workforce data, and produces the Healthcare Occupational Roadmap to support students in evaluating certain healthcare career opportunities.

We have reviewed the materials you provided us for a Governor's Health Sciences Academy at T.C. Williams High School and we strongly support this important collaborative initiative. This Governor’s Academy will provide numerous educational opportunities, including certain fields identified by the HWDC Healthcare Occupational Roadmap, helping meet increasing healthcare demands in the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

David E. Brown, DC
Director, Virginia Department of Health Professions