



Dear Dr. Watts and the FAA Pilots Workforce Development Review Team:

“**Triple A STEM through Soaring**” is a new program that will unite our rural Columbia Gorge Bi-State Area (OR and WA) high school students, STEM teachers, and Aviators, Aerospace engineers, and unmanned Aircraft systems operators (“Triple A STEM”). Hood River Soaring (“HRS”) is extremely excited to champion this FAA Educational Mission for our community.

Triple A STEM through Soaring will provide a combined Glider Ground School curriculum with Triple A STEM careers exploration course and provide pilot skills through flight training scholarships to both high school students **and** STEM teachers taught by current Triple A STEM flight instructors and professionals. HRS is an organization founded by Triple A STEM professionals and ran by Triple A STEM professionals. HRS likes to make and shape professional pilots, the younger the better, and we like to do it before “Snapchat” and “Instagram” takes over a young person’s life.

Triple A STEM through Soaring was designed in cooperative meetings with many of the Principals and STEM Teachers/Educators of the Columbia Gorge Area. This program, like the Apollo 11 Mission, will give our community a giant leap towards the overarching goal of creating a full time Triple A STEM education program in the rural Columbia Gorge Area.

Thank you for allowing our community to dream,

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