Michael D. Sessa  
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Dear Mr. Sessa:

I am very happy to write in support of the **EdUnify** project proposed by PESC (Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council) to develop the proof of concept for an innovative directory service model. EdUnify will connect the global community of students, advisors, faculty, researchers, and administrators with essential information – no matter where the information resides – to enable better decision-making toward academic success.

The Virginia Department of Education, as an active member of the SIF Association, supports the work of PESC, working across the diverse members including institutions, government agencies, associations, and industry developing community shared specifications to foster data, process and information standards.

In our work with K-12 schools, government agencies, associations and industry, the Virginia Department of Education clearly recognizes the vital importance in developing new information technologies to support student mobility and the currency of learning. We need to dedicate resources to improve how credentials and recognition seamlessly follow learners as they move and aspire to complete their education. In doing so, we need a means to work better together - in an online consumer centric world.

Following **EdUnify** closely will help us understand how a similar concept would apply to K-12 education. I applaud your work to combine efforts, leverage reuse and improve transparency of information services in order to benefit learners of all types. I strongly support the **EdUnify** project and wish you continued success

Sincerely,

Bethann Canada,  
Director of Educational Information Management  
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