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Dear Colleague,

For nearly fifteen years, the Department of Teacher and Community Education (TCE) at UC San Diego Extended Studies has been privileged to work in longstanding collaboration with the Professional Development Institute (PDI). During this period, the landscape of online professional learning for P-12 practitioners has evolved at rather a remarkable pace—one that seems to have accelerated logarithmically in recent years by the advent and rapid ascent of artificial intelligence (AI).

Although several professional development providers for teachers have increasingly adopted AI-based systems as a primary means of designing coursework, the partnership between PDI and TCE reflects a deliberate commitment to favoring substance, authenticity, and andragogical integrity. PDI courses are authored and delivered by experienced educators who draw upon their professional expertise to design learning experiences that are both intellectually rigorous and aligned with the needs of diverse learners in dynamic classroom settings.

Please feel free to reach out directly if we might provide additional information or answer any questions you may have. We remain at your service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Morgan Appel", with a stylized, flowing script.

Morgan Appel  
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