HCS HARDIN COMMUNITY SCHOOL
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Communities helping teens overcome drugs, alcohol & crime

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To whomever this may concern:

Hardin Community School currently is serving 43 students (Grades 6-12) who are at least one year behind academically and many are experiencing ongoing legal issues with Hardin County Juvenile Court. Of 43 students 41 are on free or reduced lunches. With 96% of our student population experiencing poverty discussions about their futures that develop SMART goals and implements a plan of action for their success academically and vocationally is essential. Making sure that students are able to participate in evidence based treatment and apply what they are learning to their goals and plans for success significantly depends on the guidance they receive. As a school we need partners to help make this happen. We absolutely need partners who serve as mentors. Mentors who are able to introduce and nurture students through a successful navigation and implementation of their goals, plans, the development of skills and abilities. These students' futures depend on a mentoring program that will help students experience pro-social interaction and community learning.

I highly recommend that this Big Brothers/Big Sisters grant application is awarded and funded and I emphatically support it.

Respectfully,

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