

February 19, 2015

Community Connectors Grant  
Ohio Department of Education  
25 South Front Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-4183

To the Selection Committee of the Community Connectors Grant:

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of the Wooster Community Connections Consortium (Boys & Girls Club of Wooster, Wooster City Schools, OHuddle Mentoring/Parkview Christian Church, Wooster Chamber of Commerce) proposal being submitted to the State of Ohio Department of Education, Community Connectors Grant program by Boys & Girls Club of Wooster.

As a board member for the Boys & Girls Club of Wooster and a retired educator, I am very familiar with the children and youth this grant will serve. Collaborating with Wooster City Schools, our program already has a history of teamwork and community involvement. The relationships between each of these entities will only strengthen the efforts in our area to provide hope to our children. A mentorship program that increases resiliency, career readiness, and other key aspects that lead to positive outcomes for youth development is a clear need in the Wooster community.

In conclusion, I fully support the efforts of the Wooster Community Connections Consortium as they seek funding to support a program designed to wholly support the youth of Wooster through mentorship.

Sincerely,



Chuck Cooper  
Vice President of the Board of Directors  
Boys & Girls Club of Wooster