

March 5, 2015

Dear Community Connectors Grant Committee:

AEP Ohio invites the Ohio Department of Education's Community Connectors Grant Program to join us and Crawford County manufacturers in support of the "Preparing Students for Success" proposal submitted by the Crawford County Education and Economic Development Partnership (CCEEDP) and its eligible Crawford County School District partners.

At AEP Ohio, we seek to strengthen the economic development capacity within the communities we serve through our support of progressive programs and ideas, such as the Workforce Awareness for Graduates and Educators (WAGE) program. The WAGE program is an important step in the "Preparing Students for Success" proposal. This pilot program was born from actual conversations with Crawford County employers through recent retention and expansion visits. It is a true collaboration with Crawford County manufacturers, local educators, and the students they serve. Even in the day of twenty-four hour communications and social media, a communication gap exists between businesses struggling to retain quality employees and students leaving the area after high school unaware of available high-paying, high-skilled job opportunities. WAGE aims to close that gap.

The WAGE program design allows manufacturers to educate area teachers and administrators about their needs and opportunities and, in turn, the teachers to expose, educate and guide their students to career paths which will help strengthen local manufacturers. This program is supported by the Crawford County Education and Economic Development Partnership and Crawford 20/20 Vision. AEP Ohio financially supported the program with a \$10,000 Local Economic Assistance Program grant to help offset some of the cost and enable the WAGE program to successfully grow throughout Crawford County.

"Preparing Students for Success" provides the foundation to support and build on Governor Kasich's goal to strengthen communities, encourage mentoring opportunities, and create new pathways for civic engagement that will result in high education achievement, higher levels of well-being and health, and workforce readiness for our community. AEP Ohio continues to support local programs, like WAGE, that prepare students for the future. This collaboration will have a positive impact on these efforts. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding our support of this partnership.

Sincerely,



Timothy J. Wells, CEcD  
Manager, Economic & Business Development



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February 23, 2015

Dear Community Connectors Grant Committee:

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for the "Preparing Students for Success" proposal to be submitted to the Ohio Department of Education's Community Connectors Grant Program by the Crawford County Education and Economic Development Partnership (CCEEDP) and its eligible Crawford County School District partners. As the Superintendent of Pioneer Career and Technology Center, one of our main goals is to teach our students successful life skills such as: Leadership, Accountability, Adaptability, Initiative and Self-Direction, Responsibility, Problem Solving, Communications, Creativity, and Teamwork. This program will further strengthen our community by teaching, supporting, and enforcing these essential skills in our youth.

As a district, we would like to see more of our students learning the necessary skills that will lead to a successful life. The local manufacturers and businesses have assured us that the jobs will be here for students that are able to exhibit these skills. It is essential to prepare our youth for successful lives by partnering with our schools, workplaces, and places of worship. We believe that this combination of teaching students life skills along with partnering them with positive mentors will promote a positive, goal-oriented, and hopeful atmosphere for success.

"Preparing Students for Success" provides the foundation to support and build on Governor Kasich's goal to strengthen communities, encourage mentoring opportunities, and create new pathways for civic engagement that will result in high education achievement, higher levels of well-being and health, and workforce readiness for our community. Our school district continues to do everything we can to prepare our students for the future, and this collaboration to provide learning opportunities will have a positive impact on these efforts. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding our support of this partnership.

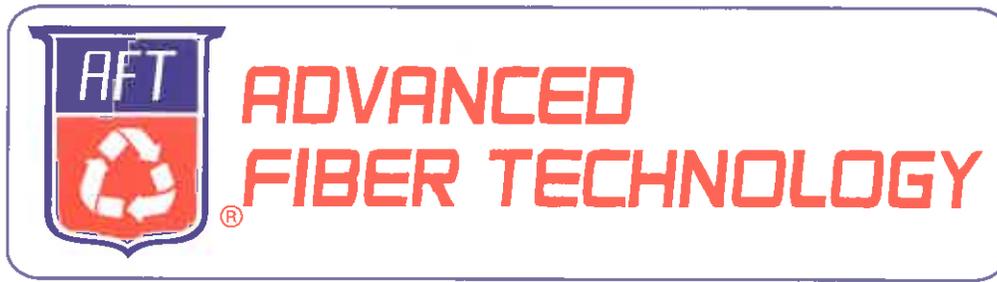
Yours truly,

Greg Nickoli, Superintendent  
Pioneer Career and Technology Center

Gregory D. Nickoli  
Superintendent

James M. Grubbs, Jr.  
Director of Business Affairs

Linda K. Schumacher  
Treasurer



24 February 2015

Dear Community Connectors Grant Committee:

I'm pleased to write a support letter for the "Preparing Students for Success" proposal to be submitted to the Ohio Department of Education's Community Connectors Grant Program by the Crawford County Education and Economic Development Partnership (CCEEDP) and its eligible Crawford County School District partners.

As President of Advanced Fiber Technology (AFT) and the Co-Chairman of the Crawford 20/20 Vision Business Success and Job Availability, one of our goals is to support local economic development programs such as the Workforce Awareness for Graduates and Educators (WAGE). The WAGE program is an important step in the "Preparing Students for Success" proposal. This pilot program is a direct result of the Retention and Expansion surveys that were completed recently in Crawford County. The WAGE program is in collaboration with Crawford County businesses, local educators, and the students they serve. Businesses struggle to retain quality employees, and many of the students leave the area after high school unaware of the high-paying, high-skilled job opportunities that are locally available.

Mostly due to a communication gap between these entities, WAGE aims to get everyone on the same page. Manufacturers can educate area teachers and administrators about their needs and opportunities and, in turn, the teachers can expose, educate and guide their students to career paths which will help strengthen local manufacturers. This program is supported by the Crawford County Education and Economic Development Partnership and Crawford 20/20 Vision. By applying AFT's annual in-kind support of 120 hours (\$6,000 value) we will enable the WAGE program to successfully grow throughout Crawford County.

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Sincerely,

Doug Leuthold  
President



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Representing Christ to the Community

Dear Community Connectors Grant Committee:

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for the "Preparing Students for Success" proposal to be submitted to the Ohio Department of Education's Community Connectors Grant Program by the Crawford County Education and Economic Development Partnership (CCEEDP) and its eligible Crawford County School District partners. We are excited to fill the role as the Faith-Based organization and look forward to the collaboration with all of the school districts, businesses, and organizations.

As Director of Operations for BORN (Bucyrus Outreach and Restoration Network), our mission is to provide non-sustaining, emergency assistance to people who are in need of financial, physical, emotional, educational, and spiritual needs. BORN networks with ten local churches, agencies, and individuals to promote effective and efficient use of community resources. The "Preparing Students for Success" proposal has an important mentoring component that will help teach our youth successful life skills such as: Leadership, Accountability, Adaptability, Initiative and Self-Direction, Responsibility, Problem Solving, Communications, Creativity, and Teamwork. This program will further strengthen our community by teaching, supporting, and enforcing these essential skills in our youth.

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Yours truly,

Eliza E. Cole

BORN – Director of Operations



Dear Community Connectors Grant Committee:

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for the "Preparing Students for Success" proposal to be submitted to the Ohio Department of Education's Community Connectors Grant Program by the Crawford County Education and Economic Development Partnership (CCEEDP) and its eligible Crawford County School District partners.

As Facility Manager of Arctic Cat, one of our goals is to support local economic development programs such as the Workforce Awareness for Graduates and Educators (WAGE). The WAGE program is an important step in the "Preparing Students for Success" proposal. This pilot program is a direct result of the Retention and Expansion surveys that were completed recently in Crawford County. The WAGE program is in collaboration with Crawford County manufacturers, local educators, and the students they serve. Businesses struggle to retain quality employees, and many of the students leave the area after high school unaware of the high-paying, high-skilled job opportunities that are available.

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"Preparing Students for Success" provides the foundation to support and build on Governor Kasich's goal to strengthen communities, encourage mentoring opportunities, and create new pathways for civic engagement that will result in high education achievement, higher levels of well-being and health, and workforce readiness for our community. Our company continues to support local programs such as WAGE that prepare students for the future, and this collaboration to provide learning opportunities will have a positive impact on these efforts. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding our support of this partnership.

Yours truly,

Ken Auck  
Facility Manager  
Arctic Cat



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February 25, 2015

Dear Community Connectors Grant Committee:

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for the "Preparing Students for Success" proposal to be submitted to the Ohio Department of Education's Community Connectors Grant Program by the Crawford County Education and Economic Development Partnership (CCEEDP) and its eligible Crawford County School District partners.

As Coordinator of Training and Development at IB-TECH, one of our goals is to support local economic development programs such as the Workforce Awareness for Graduates and Educators (WAGE). The WAGE program is an important step in the "Preparing Students for Success" proposal. This pilot program is a direct result of the Retention and Expansion surveys that were completed recently in Crawford County. The WAGE program is in collaboration with Crawford County manufacturers, local educators, and the students they serve. Businesses struggle to retain quality employees, and many of the students leave the area after high school unaware of the high-paying, high-skilled job opportunities that are available.

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Yours truly,

John Wheeler  
Training and Development Coordinator  
IB-TECH



# Ohio Mutual Insurance Group®

**James J. Kennedy, CPCU**  
President & Chief Executive Officer

February 18, 2015

Dear Community Connectors Grant Committee:

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for the "Preparing Students for Success" proposal to be submitted to the Ohio Department of Education's Community Connectors Grant Program by the Crawford County Education and Economic Development Partnership (CCEEDP) and its eligible Crawford County School District partners.

As the CEO of the Ohio Mutual Insurance Group, I can state that the Guiding Principles of our company are closely aligned with the five principles of the grant: setting goals to be prepared for 21<sup>st</sup> century careers, building character, developing pathways to achievement, building resiliency, and believing in a positive future.

Such principles have enabled the Ohio Mutual Group to be rated as one of the top insurance companies in the United States as evidenced by being recognized as a Ward 50 recipient for five consecutive years. I am excited about partnering with our schools, workplaces, and places of worship to share our experience in making such principles the culture of our company. We believe that this combination of teaching students life skills along with partnering them with positive mentors will promote a positive, goal-oriented, and hopeful atmosphere for success.

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The Ohio Mutual Insurance Group stands ready to do everything we can to help prepare our students for the future and to collaborate with other Crawford County stakeholders to provide these learning opportunities.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding our support of this partnership.

Cordially,

James J. Kennedy, CPCU  
President and Chief Executive Officer

February 18, 2015

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It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for the "Preparing Students for Success" proposal to be submitted to the Ohio Department of Education's Community Connectors Grant Program by the Crawford County Education and Economic Development Partnership (CCEEDP) and its eligible Crawford County School District partners.

As Committee Chairperson of Crawford County Young Life OH95. I can state that the principles and values that Young Life embraces, nurturing and mentoring kids, helping young people develop the skills, assets and attitudes to reach their potential, and working with a team of like-minded individuals, are closely aligned with the five principles of the grant: setting goals to be prepared for 21<sup>st</sup> century careers, building character, developing pathways to achievement, building resiliency, and believing in a positive future.

Young Life, as a faith based organization, is particularly excited about collaborating with local employers to share with students our experience in making such principles the basis for succeeding in life. We believe that this combination of teaching students life skills along with partnering them with positive mentors, and exposing them to career opportunities through tours of our facilities, will promote a positive, goal-oriented, and hopeful atmosphere for success.

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Young Life stands ready to do everything we can to help prepare our students for the future and to collaborate with other Crawford County stakeholders to provide these learning opportunities.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding our support of this partnership.

Yours truly,



Amy Taylor Sheldon  
Committee Chairperson  
Crawford County Young Life OH95



Bucyrus Lamp Plant #5-51  
GE Lighting, Inc.  
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Dear Community Connectors Grant Committee:

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for the “Preparing Students for Success” proposal to be submitted to the Ohio Department of Education’s Community Connectors Grant Program by the Crawford County Education and Economic Development Partnership (CCEEDP) and its eligible Crawford County School District partners.

As the Plant Manager of the GE Bucyrus Lamp Plant, one of our goals is to support local economic development programs such as the Workforce Awareness for Graduates and Educators (WAGE). The WAGE program is an important step in the “Preparing Students for Success” proposal. This pilot program is a direct result of the Retention and Expansion surveys that were completed recently in Crawford County. The WAGE program is in collaboration with Crawford County manufacturers, local educators, and the students they serve. Businesses struggle to retain quality employees, and many of the students leave the area after high school unaware of the high-paying, high-skilled job opportunities that are available.

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Yours truly,

Matt Novak  
Plant Manager  
GE Bucyrus Lamp Plant



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Mr. Mark A. Robinson, Superintendent  
Mrs. Nancy Ackerman, Treasurer

February 24, 2015

Dear Community Connectors Grant Committee:

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for the "Preparing Students for Success" proposal to be submitted to the Ohio Department of Education's Community Connectors Grant Program by the Crawford County Education and Economic Development Partnership (CCEEDP) and its eligible Crawford County School District partners. As the Superintendent of Buckeye Central Local School District, one of our main goals is to teach our students successful life skills such as: Leadership, Accountability, Adaptability, Initiative and Self-Direction, Responsibility, Problem Solving, Communications, Creativity and Teamwork. This program will further strengthen our community by teaching, supporting, and enforcing these essential skills in our youth.

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Yours in Education,

Mark A. Robinson, Superintendent  
Buckeye Central Local School District



**BUCYRUS PRECISION TECH, INC.**

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It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for the "Preparing Students for Success" proposal to be submitted to the Ohio Department of Education's Community Connectors Grant Program by the Crawford County Education and Economic Development Partnership (CCEEDP) and its eligible Crawford County School District partners.

As Assistant Manager of Administration at Bucyrus Precision Tech, Inc. one of our goals is to support local economic development programs such as the Workforce Awareness for Graduates and Educators (WAGE). The WAGE program is an important step in the "Preparing Students for Success" proposal. This pilot program is a direct result of the Retention and Expansion surveys that were completed recently in Crawford County. The WAGE program is in collaboration with Crawford County manufacturers, local educators, and the students they serve. Businesses struggle to retain quality associates, and many of the students leave the area after high school unaware of the high-paying, high-skilled job opportunities that are available.

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Yours truly,

*Sireena Slone*

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Bucyrus Precision Tech, Inc.





## *Bucyrus City School District*

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February 23, 2015

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It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for the “Preparing Students for Success” proposal to be submitted to the Ohio Department of Education’s Community Connectors Grant Program by the Crawford County Education and Economic Development Partnership (CCEEDP) and its eligible Crawford County School District partners. As the Superintendent of Bucyrus City School District, one of our main goals is to teach our students successful life skills such as: Leadership, Accountability, Adaptability, Initiative and Self-Direction, Responsibility, Problem Solving, Communications, Creativity, and Teamwork. This program will further strengthen our community by teaching, supporting, and enforcing these essential skills in our youth.

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Yours truly,

Kevin D. Kimmel, Superintendent  
Bucyrus City School District



Dear Community Connectors Grant Committee:

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for the “Preparing Students for Success” proposal to be submitted to the Ohio Department of Education’s Community Connectors Grant Program by the Crawford County Education and Economic Development Partnership (CCEEDP) and its eligible Crawford County School District partners. We are excited to provide mentors for this program and look forward to the collaboration with all of the school districts, businesses, and organizations.

As The Crawford County Mentoring Coordinator, our program supports the development of one-to one relationships between a volunteer adult role model and a student. This unique relationship provides support and encouragement, and can help a young person develop the academic, social and personal skills to foster success in their future. The “Preparing Students for Success” proposal has an important mentoring component that will help teach our youth successful life skills such as: Leadership, Accountability, Adaptability, Initiative and Self-Direction, Responsibility, Problem Solving, Communications, Creativity, and Teamwork. This program will further strengthen our community by teaching, supporting, and enforcing these essential skills in our youth.

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Yours truly,

Robin Showers

Crawford County Mentoring Program Coordinator

# CRESTLINE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

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*Superintendent*

**Bradd Stevens**  
*Treasurer*

February 23, 2015

Dear Community Connectors Grant Committee:

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for the "Preparing Students for Success" proposal to be submitted to the Ohio Department of Education's Community Connectors Grant Program by the Crawford County Education and Economic Development Partnership (CCEEDP) and its eligible Crawford County School District partners. As the Superintendent of Crestline Exempted Village School District, one of our main goals is to teach our students successful life skills such as: Leadership, Accountability, Adaptability, Initiative and Self-Direction, Responsibility, Problem Solving, Communications, Creativity, and Teamwork. This program will further strengthen our community by teaching, supporting, and enforcing these essential skills in our youth.

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Yours truly,



Noreen Mullens, Superintendent  
Crestline Exempted Village School District

*Teaching Effectively – Learning Successfully*



The **Community Foundation** For Crawford County  
*Direction for the Future*

Dear Community Connectors Grant Committee:

It is with great pleasure that I offer this letter of support for the "Preparing Students for Success" proposal to be submitted to the Ohio Department of Education's Community Connectors Grant Program by the Crawford County Education and Economic Development Partnership (CCEEDP) and its eligible Crawford County School District partners. We are excited to have an opportunity to help fund the mentors for this program and look forward to the collaboration with all of the school districts, businesses, and organizations.

The Community Foundation for Crawford County already supports the Crawford County Mentoring Program. The "Preparing Students for Success" proposal has an important mentoring component that will help teach our youth successful life skills such as: leadership, accountability, adaptability, initiative and self-direction, responsibility, problem solving, communications, creativity, and teamwork. This program will further strengthen our community by teaching, supporting, and enforcing these essential skills in our youth.

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Yours truly,

Lisa Workman, President

The Community Foundation for Crawford County

February 23, 2015

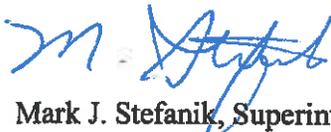
Dear Community Connectors Grant Committee:

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for the "Preparing Students for Success" proposal to be submitted to the Ohio Department of Education's Community Connectors Grant Program by the Crawford County Education and Economic Development Partnership (CCEEDP) and its eligible Crawford County School District partners. As the Superintendent of Galion City School District, one of our main goals is to teach our students successful life skills such as: Leadership, Accountability, Adaptability, Initiative and Self-Direction, Responsibility, Problem Solving, Communications, Creativity, and Teamwork. This program will further strengthen our community by teaching, supporting, and enforcing these essential skills in our youth.

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Yours truly,



Mark J. Stefanik, Superintendent  
Galion City School District

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February 18, 2015

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It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for the "Preparing Students for Success" proposal to be submitted to the Ohio Department of Education's Community Connectors Grant Program by the Crawford County Education and Economic Development Partnership (CCEEDP) and its eligible Crawford County School District partners.

As the Superintendent of Wynford Local Schools, we strive to teach our students successful life skills such as; leadership, accountability, adaptability, initiative and self-direction, responsibility, problem solving, communications, creativity, and teamwork. These are the basic principles of the highly acclaimed Leader in Me program which is the foundation of "Preparing Students for Success." There are closely aligned with the core principles of Community Connectors: setting goals to be prepared for 21<sup>st</sup> century careers, building character, developing pathways to achievement, building resiliency, and believing in a positive future.

As a district, we would like to see more of our students learning the necessary skills that will lead to a successfully life. The local manufacturers and business have assured us that the jobs will be here for students that are able to exhibit these skills. It is essential to prepare our youth for successful lives by partnering with our schools, workplace, and places of worship. We believe that this combination of teaching students life skills along with partnering them with positive mentors will promote a positive, goal-oriented, and hopeful atmosphere for success.

"Preparing Students for Success" provides the foundation to support and built on Governor Kasich's goal to strengthen communities, encourage mentoring opportunities, and create new pathways for civic engagement that will result in high education achievement, higher levels of well-being and health, and workforce readiness for our community. Our school district continues to do everything we can to prepare our students for the future and this collaboration to provide these learning opportunities that will have a positive impact on these efforts. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding our support of this partnership.

Respectfully,



Steve Mohr  
Superintendent  
Wynford Local Schools