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Lead Applicant
Name: _____
Title: _____
Organization: _____
Sign: _____

Partner
Name: Richard Bereschik
Title: Superintendent
Organization: Wellsville Local Schools
Sign: *Richard E. Bereschik*

Partner
Name: Stephen Cramer
Title: Reverend
Organization: Trinity Presbyterian Church
Sign: *The Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Cramer*

Partner
Name: Dr. Joseph Shivers
Title: Superintendent
Organization: Salem City Schools
Sign: *Dr. Joseph Shivers*



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Partner

Name: Todd Olson

Title: President

Organization: BOC Water Hydraulics

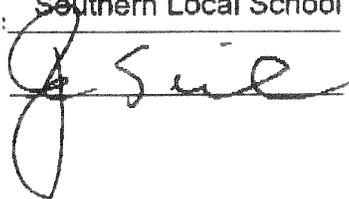
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John Wilson

Title: Superintendent

Organization: Southern Local School District

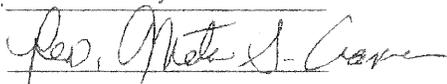
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Partner

Name: Rev. Meta Cramer

Title: Reverend

Organization: First Presbyterian Church of Salem

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Organization: _____
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Partner
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Organization: _____
Sign: _____

Partner
Name: Laurie L McClellan
Title: Chairman of Board
Organization: Consumers National Bank
Sign: Laurie L McClellan

Partner
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Partner

Name: Robert Mehno

Title: Superintendent

Organization: Leetonia Ex. VII. Sch. District

Sign: *Robert Mehno*

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Partner
Name: Joseph Sieltie
Title: Superintendent
Organization: LIB Schools
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Partner

Name: MELISSA WATSON

Title: SUPERINTENDENT

Organization: EAST LIVERPOOL CITY

Sign: [Signature] SCHOOLS

Partner

Name: _____

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Lead Applicant
Name: _____
Title: _____
Organization: _____
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Partner
Name: Anna Marie Vaughn
Title: Superintendent
Organization: Columbiana County ESC
Sign: Anna Marie Vaughn

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February 10, 2015

Advisory Board
Community Connectors Grant

Dear Members of the Advisory Board:

In fall of 2012, Kent State University at Salem and East Liverpool faculty and staff introduced the concept of developing a Rural Scholars Program to increase post-secondary education access in Columbiana County. The initiative partners Kent State's Columbiana campuses with local school districts to help overcome educational barriers that our most at-risk students face.

Lisbon Exempted Village Schools is excited to be one of six districts participating in the program. Other districts include Southern Local, Crestview, Wellsville, Salem City and East Liverpool City Schools. With increasing numbers of students falling below the poverty line, the Rural Scholars Program provides our district with another resource to engage students in meaningful mentoring relationships and community-based learning experiences.

The Rural Scholars Program has established a bridge for Lisbon students who have both the aptitude and desire to pursue post-secondary education. In particular, the district is excited by the career exploration and financial literacy programming made available to both the Rural Scholars and our entire sixth grade class. I am confident this program is having a significant impact on students learning at Lisbon Exempted Village School District.

I appreciate the inclusion of Lisbon as a district eligible for the Community Connectors grant opportunity. The Rural Scholars program is a valuable service to our students and our greater Columbiana County community. If I can provide any additional information, please feel free to contact me by calling 330-424-3215 or by e-mailing Keith.Edenfield@omeresanet.net.

Sincerely,



Keith Edenfield
Principal
David Anderson Jr./Sr. High School
Lisbon Village Exempted Local Schools

February 10, 2015

Advisory Board
Community Connectors Grant

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Leetonia Exempted Village School District is excited that the Community Connectors grant will make it possible for us to join the other districts participating in the program. Other districts include Salem City, Crestview, Wellsville, Lisbon Exempted, and East Liverpool City Schools. With increasing numbers of students falling below the poverty line, the Rural Scholars Program will provide our district with another resource to engage students in meaningful mentoring relationships and community-based learning experiences.

The Rural Scholars Program has established a bridge for Leetonia students who have both the aptitude and desire to pursue post-secondary education. In particular, the district is excited by the career exploration and financial literacy programming made available to both the Rural Scholars and our entire sixth grade class. I am confident this program will have a significant impact on students learning in Leetonia Exempted Village School District.

I appreciate the inclusion of Leetonia as a district eligible for the Community Connectors grant opportunity. The Rural Scholars program will be a valuable service to our students and our greater Columbiana County community. If I can provide any additional information, please feel free to contact me by calling 330-427-6594 or by e-mailing rmehno@leetonia.k12.oh.us.

Sincerely,



Robert Mehno
Superintendent
Leetonia Exempted Village School District

The East Liverpool City Schools

810 West Eighth Street
East Liverpool, Ohio 43920

February 10, 2015

Advisory Board
Community Connectors Grant

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East Liverpool City Schools is excited to be one of six districts participating in the program. Other districts include Salem City, Crestview, Wellsville, Lisbon Exempted, and Southern Local Schools. With increasing numbers of students falling below the poverty line, the Rural Scholars Program provides our district with another resource to engage students in meaningful mentoring relationships and community-based learning experiences.

The Rural Scholars Program has established a bridge for East Liverpool students who have both the aptitude and desire to pursue post-secondary education. In particular, the district is excited by the career exploration and financial literacy programming made available to both the Rural Scholars and our entire sixth grade class. I am confident this program is having a significant impact on students learning in East Liverpool City Schools.

I appreciate the inclusion of East Liverpool as a district eligible for the Community Connectors grant opportunity. The Rural Scholars program is a valuable service to our students and our greater Columbiana County community. If I can provide any additional information, please feel free to contact me by calling 330-385-7132 or by e-mailing MWatson@elcsd.k12.oh.us.

Sincerely,



Dr. Melissa Watson
Superintendent
East Liverpool City Schools

January 28, 2015

Advisory Board
Community Connectors Grant

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Wellsville Local Schools is excited to be one of six districts participating in the program. Other districts include Southern Local, Crestview, Lisbon Village, Salem City and East Liverpool City Schools. With increasing numbers of students falling below the poverty line, the Rural Scholars Program provides our district with another resource to engage students in meaningful mentoring relationships and community-based learning experiences.

The Rural Scholars Program has established a bridge for Wellsville students who have both the aptitude and desire to pursue post-secondary education. In particular, the district is excited by the career exploration and financial literacy programming made available to both the Rural Scholars and our entire sixth grade class. I am confident this program is having a significant impact on students learning at Wellsville Local Schools.

I appreciate the inclusion of Wellsville as a district eligible for the Community Connectors grant opportunity. The Rural Scholars program is a valuable service to Wellsville Local Schools and our greater Columbiana County community. If I can provide any additional information, please feel free to contact me by calling 330-532-2643 or by e-mailing RBereschik@wellsville.k12.oh.us.

Sincerely,



Richard Bereschik
Superintendent
Wellsville Local Schools

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February 10, 2015

Advisory Board
Community Connectors Grant

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Consumers National Bank is excited to partner with the Rural Scholars Program to support mentoring in Lisbon Village Exempt School District. With increasing numbers of students falling below the poverty line, the Rural Scholars Program provides Columbiana County schools with another resource to engage students in meaningful mentoring relationships and community-based learning experiences.

The Rural Scholars Program has established a bridge for local students who have both the aptitude and desire to pursue post-secondary education. As a business partner with the program, we are committed to contributing financial support as well as leadership on the program's advisory board. In addition, our employees will continue to design and host one financial literacy seminar for 20 Rural Scholars annually. I am confident this program is having a significant impact on students' aspirations and ability to succeed.

I appreciate the inclusion of the Lisbon Village Exempt School District as a district eligible for the Community Connectors grant opportunity. The Rural Scholars program is a valuable service to our students and our greater Columbiana County community. If I can provide any additional information, please feel free to contact me by calling 330- 868-7701 or by e-mailing LMcClellan@consumersbank.com.

Sincerely,

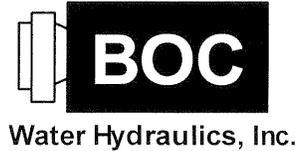


Laurie McClellan
Chairman of the Board
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12024 Salem-Warren Rd., PO Box 1028, Salem, Ohio, 44460
Phone: 330/332-4444 Fax: 330/332-1650



February 10, 2015

Advisory Board
Community Connectors Grant

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BOC Water Hydraulics Inc. is excited to partner with the Rural Scholars Program to support mentoring in both the Salem City School District. With increasing numbers of students falling below the poverty line, the Rural Scholars Program provides Columbiana County schools with another resource to engage students in meaningful mentoring relationships and community-based learning experiences.

The Rural Scholars Program has established a bridge for local students who have both the aptitude and desire to pursue post-secondary education. As a business partner with the program, we are committed to contributing financial support as well as leadership on the program's advisory board. In addition, our employees will continue to design and host one career exploration workshops 20 for Rural Scholars annually. I am confident this program is having a significant impact on students' aspirations and ability to succeed.

I appreciate the inclusion of Salem City School District as a district eligible for the Community Connectors grant opportunity. The Rural Scholars program is a valuable service to our students and our greater Columbiana County community. If I can provide any additional information, please feel free to contact me by calling 330- 332-4444 or by e-mailing todd.olson@bocwaterhydraulics.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Olson".

Mr. Todd Olson
BOC Water Hydraulics Inc.



First Presbyterian Church

436 East Second St – Salem OH 44460 – 330.337.9555

February 24, 2015

Advisory Board
Community Connectors Grant

Dear Members of the Advisory Board:

In fall of 2012, Kent State University at Salem and East Liverpool faculty and staff introduced the concept of developing a Rural Scholars Program to increase post-secondary education access in Columbiana County. The initiative partners Kent State's Columbiana campuses with local school districts to help overcome social and educational barriers that our most at-risk students face. I first learned about this program through several programs presented at the Rotary Club of Salem.

I am myself a first-generation college graduate. I have resided in Columbiana County for over 34 years, and so have had many opportunities to witness the need for a program such as the Rural Scholars Program to support mentoring in Columbiana County Schools. With increasing numbers of students falling below the poverty line, the Rural Scholars Program provides the Columbiana County community with another resource to engage students in supportive mentoring relationships and help them develop significant connections to our community through service experiences and reflection.

The Rural Scholars Program has from the beginning worked to foster intentional opportunities for its students to serve our community. As the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Salem, I am happy for the opportunity to collaborate with Rural Scholars to create service opportunities and spaces for guided reflection on the importance of commitment to community. Our congregants are very active in their service to the community and many have already taken a role in mentoring Rural Scholars through the example of service they offer in programs like Habitat for Humanity. I am confident this program is having a significant impact on students' development of strong character and look forward to formalizing our partnership through this grant.

I appreciate the inclusion of many of our local Columbiana County districts in the Community Connectors grant opportunity. The Rural Scholars program is a valuable service to our students and our greater Columbiana County community. If I can provide any additional information, please feel free to contact me by calling 330-337-9555 or by e-mailing metacramer@aol.com.

Sincerely,

(Rev.) Meta S. Cramer

Rev. Dr. Meta S. Cramer, Pastor

February 13, 2015

Advisory Board
Community Connectors Grant

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As the minister of both Trinity Church of East Liverpool and Long's Run Presbyterian Church of Calcutta, I am excited to partner with the Rural Scholars Program to support mentoring in Columbiana County. With increasing numbers of students falling below the poverty line, the Rural Scholars Program provides the Columbiana County community with another resource to engage students in supportive mentoring relationships and help them develop significant connections to our community through service experiences and reflection.

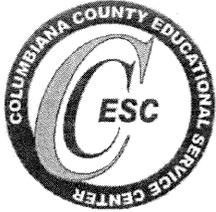
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Sincerely,

Stephen D. Cramer

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Columbiana County Educational Service Center

Quality Education Through Cooperative Services

February 10, 2015

Advisory Board
Community Connectors Grant

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The Columbiana County Educational Service Center has partnered with Kent State University and the community in the design and implementation of this program from its inception. Districts include Crestview Local, Wellsville Local, Lisbon Exempted, Southern Local, Salem City and East Liverpool City Schools. With increasing numbers of students falling below the poverty line, the Rural Scholars Program provides our county with another resource to engage students in meaningful mentoring relationships and community-based learning experiences.

The Rural Scholars Program has established a bridge for Columbiana County students who have both the aptitude and desire to pursue post-secondary education. In particular, the district schools have been excited by the career exploration and financial literacy programming made available to both the Rural Scholars and our sixth grade classrooms. I am confident this program is having a significant impact on student success and personal growth in Columbiana County.

The Rural Scholars program is a valuable service to our students and our greater Columbiana County community. If I can provide any additional information, please feel free to contact me by calling (330) 424-9591 or by e-mailing AVaughn@ccesc.k12.oh.us

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anna Marie Vaughn".

Anna Marie Vaughn
Superintendent

February 10, 2015

Advisory Board
Community Connectors Grant

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The Rural Scholars Program has established a bridge for Southern Local students who have both the aptitude and desire to pursue post-secondary education. In particular, the district is excited by the career exploration and financial literacy programming made available to both the Rural Scholars and our entire sixth grade class. I am confident this program is having a significant impact on students learning in Southern Local School District.

I appreciate the inclusion of Southern Local as a district eligible for the Community Connectors grant opportunity. The Rural Scholars program is a valuable service to our students and our greater Columbiana County community. If I can provide any additional information, please feel free to contact me by calling 330-679-2343 or by e-mailing John.Wilson@omeres.net.

Sincerely,



John Wilson
Superintendent
Southern Local School District