



March 4, 2015

Dr. Richard A. Ross
Ohio Department of Education
25 S. Front St.
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Dr. Ross,

I am writing in support of the Community Connectors initiative being put forth by LoveLight, Inc. in partnership with the Kent City Schools, Riverwood Community Chapel and local businesses. LoveLight is a private, nonprofit organization designed for the purpose of assisting persons, especially those considered disadvantaged, in moving toward reaching their potential and promoting positive, healthful lifestyles. Their major focus is on children and youth within the context of family, neighborhood and community.

The Community Connectors project will meet the mission of LoveLight because it will be an interactive program that supports youth in the community by targeting "at promise" students at Stanton Middle School. This multi-mentoring model will focus on mentors from students enrolled in programs at Kent State University as well as mentors from the local community.

I am particularly pleased to hear of this initiative because I have the privilege of overseeing students from the Kent Campus who wish to pursue internship and practicum experiences in the field of Nonprofit Studies and Human Development and Family Studies. I believe that the work that Dr. Elizabeth Justice and her team have proposed through the Community Connectors Initiative will be a difference-maker in the lives of the youth and families served. Dr. Justice has expressed an interest in supervising several of our students who may wish to serve as an intern to this program. I believe that this opportunity will benefit our students as well as those being served through Community Connectors.

I feel certain that this partnership will have positive results with the Community Connectors Project. I look forward to working with the partnership as our students have an opportunity to mentor the youth in our community. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy Bergh".

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