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Dear Sir or Madam,

The Washington County Career Center is highly supportive of Building Bridges to Careers which will impact the future lives of the youth of Washington County. This new mentoring program will focus on a beginning group of local seventh grade students to provide greater opportunities to explore personal interests for possible future careers.

The positive influence this program will provide will follow these students throughout the rest of their lives. This initiative will require the combined resources of local schools, parents, communities, and a church or faith-based group to create this special opportunity. The action plan calls for the assigning of a community member to serve as an individual mentor for each student in the career field of their choice. By providing early experiences and the selection of a specialized mentor, we believe the opportunity for providing focused information and future career experiences, greatly increases.

In recent years employers in Washington County, the State of Ohio, and from across America have voiced their concerns about the lack of qualified applicants to fill critical and necessary job vacancies. Upon implementing this program into our curriculum, the selected students will gain valuable and much needed knowledge about multiple career options.

The Washington County Career Center whole-heartedly supports Building Bridges to Careers and is endorsing their efforts to secure the Community Connectors Grant.

We greatly appreciate your consideration for this valuable opportunity.

Sincerely,

Michael Elliott,
Secondary Director