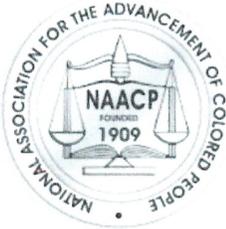


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Dear Jacqueline:

The Akron Branch NAACP is pleased to support Project GRAD's application for a Community Connectors grant for the educational well-being of the youth in our community. Your mentoring plan will serve the residents of Buchtel Cluster, the Akron Public Schools and the Akron community.

The Akron NAACP is particularly pleased to note the significant role of supportive programs for young people included in both your application and the subsequent implementation process. Your plan is comprehensive in its approach and will assist young people to achieve their academic and personal goals. This fits into the national organization's mission of 'political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons.'

As an educator and original member of the Project GRAD planning process in 2002, I am aware of the commitment and dedication of staff to instill character and a belief in academic success. This grant will increase civic engagement to increase student academic success.

Akron Public Schools offers a wide array of programs and services aimed at ensuring that each of our students is prepared to live and excel in a global environment. In order to meet the needs of our students we will work in collaboration with you and the district to increase student achievement, which will strengthen the quality of life for the residents of Akron.

Once again, let me state The NAACP is excited about the possibilities and support associated with the Community Connectors grant application. We are committed to work with you throughout the planning and implementation process.

Sincerely,

Judi Hill

President, Akron Branch NAACP