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Dear Grant Review Committee,

I am writing to express my support on behalf of the Delaware City Schools for the Community Connector Grant application from the Second Ward Community Initiative (SWCI). This group, and the tutoring and related programming they envision, will make a very real difference in the lives of children in Delaware. The SWCI's focus on improving the quality of life in a part of our community that has historically struggled with poverty and a lack of opportunities is inspiring.

Our wonderful community of Delaware is truly a cross-section of America, with all of the strengths and challenges that come from that reality. Supporting the learning of children in a safe, welcoming environment beyond the regular school day can be incredibly powerful. The more contact students with academic challenges can have with involved, caring adults and older students the better outcomes they can achieve. The programming envisioned at the Second Ward Community Center would provide exactly that.

I cannot express my support enough. I urge you to help to fund this project because I sincerely believe it so clearly matches the goals the Governor had when he proposed this program and because of what it will do for the students of Delaware.

Sincerely,

Paul A. Craft
Superintendent
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