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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in strong support for the Elyria Teens Achieve Success Program grant being sought through the Ohio Department of Education Community Connectors program. The grant opportunity being explored will unite established service organizations in the City of Elyria and Lorain County for the purpose of mentoring students from Elyria High School. The teen mentoring initiative will take place with proven and established methods in an effort to ensure success.

As the principal of Elyria High School, I have the privilege of working closely with each of the stakeholders' partaking in this endeavor. Each organization's willingness to work hand-in-hand for the main purpose of assisting our local youth attains an increased level of success is truly exciting. Most importantly, as the high school principal, resident of Elyria and the father of an Elyria Police Officer, I can personally attest to the needs outlined in the proposal. This proposal puts proven methods in place to address critical needs of Elyria teens in the areas of: education, leadership, career readiness, emotional/social well-being and personal character. I also know that this proposal will put into place the most crucial piece of the puzzle for success; a caring adult in the life of a child.

If you have any questions in reference to this letter or would like to discuss the proposal in greater detail, please give me a call at 440-233-5200.

Sincerely,

Dr. Thomas G. Jama
Principal