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To Whom It May Concern:

Mentoring is a key piece in the development of children today. As superintendent of Fostoria City Schools I see the need for support of our students on a daily basis. There are so many pressures on children today that it is difficult to maintain a balance of the social and academic experience of being a student. Students are forced to make decisions on friends, career paths, and their overall future at a very early age. The Community Connectors Grant is an opportunity for the school to partner with local community members in order to provide real life examples to help guide student choices. The job of educating a child does not solely fall on the school or parents, it is an issue for the entire community to be involved in. Through this grant opportunity there is tremendous potential for students to develop relationships with adults that can express the importance of education, the importance of living a drug free life, as well as opening doors to careers and the various tasks that come within those careers.

It is imperative that we provide these opportunities for students today. In society today it is easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of our lives. What we need to focus on is the future and making sure that the great opportunities that we have experienced are passed on to the future generations in order to bring values and credibility back into society.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew R. Sprang', written in a cursive style.

Andrew R. Sprang

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