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Sister Virginia Welch
Padua Center
1416 Nebraska Avenue
Toledo, OH 43607

Dear Sister Welch:

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of the proposal submitted Padua Center to the Community Connectors grant program through the Ohio Department of Education.

The Padua Center has partnered with Toledo Public Schools for eight years, providing beneficial services to more than 600 students in our district. The mentoring done by the Padua Center provides students with resources so that they make more positive decisions. The District has seen a decrease in suspensions in students served by the Padua Center and this allows more opportunity for valuable instructional time. I am confident this proposal will provide more students with valuable mentorship opportunities and the skills to make more positive choices.

In conclusion, I fully support the efforts of Sister Welch and Padua Center as they seek external funding to support a program designed to build students' capacities to engage in positive decision making and other critical 21st Century workforce readiness skills.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'James Gault'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

James Gault



Description of Nature of Partnership

In order to ensure the effective implementation of the Community Connectors program throughout the state, applicants are required to partner with education stakeholders from the faith, business, and nonprofit communities. Each applicant must identify its partners and include description of each respective partner's roles and responsibilities in question 12 of the grant application.

A partner agrees to provide human and material assets or access to academic and administrative resources to the grant applicant to develop or execute a Community Connectors grant application. However, in partnership, only the grant applicant is responsible for ensuring the grant is developed and executed according to the terms of the grant agreement.

Each member of the partnership is responsible for the following assurances:

- 1) Be knowledgeable about the applicant's Community Connectors grant proposal and application, including advocacy of the Community Connectors program.
- 2) Maintain a familiarity with the partner's services to enhance the proposal, including specific goals and practices.
- 3) Demonstrate a commitment to clear roles and responsibilities of each partner as it relates to the grant proposal and application.
- 4) Sustain consistent communication among partners and stakeholders with a shared vision of the goals of the grant proposal. This includes participating in regularly scheduled meetings for project management and identifying areas for improvement.
- 5) Ensure partners have appropriate access to data for purposes of grant program improvement and evaluation in accordance with state and federal law.

Lead Applicant
 Name: _____
 Title: _____
 Organization: _____
 Sign: _____

Partner
 Name: James Gault
 Title: Chief Academic Officer
 Organization: Toledo Public Schools
 Sign: [Signature]

Partner
 Name: _____
 Title: _____
 Organization: _____
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