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The Community Connectors Advisory Board  
The Ohio Department of Education  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Members of the Community Connectors Advisory Board:

Please accept this letter in support of United Black Funds Cleveland Coders proposal to The Ohio Department of Education to implement the Community Connectors program.

The vision of New Life Cathedral is similar to United Black Fund's mission to transform lives. United Black Fund has a long history of producing life-changing outcomes for Cleveland's youth.

As a member of the collaborative we will participate in leadership meetings and implement elements of the values-based mentoring component. In addition, we will make our church space available for certain program events.

Choosing United Black Fund to implement the Community Connectors program makes perfect sense as they already encourage mentoring opportunities and have years of experience creating pathways for civic engagement that has already resulted in higher educational achievement and workforce readiness for our youth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn Braxton", written over a thin horizontal line.

Pastor Shawn Braxton  
New Life Cathedral