



DAYTON

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Westwood PreK – 8 School

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State of Ohio
Community Connector Program
Columbus, Ohio

Subject: Letter of Support Community Connectors Program

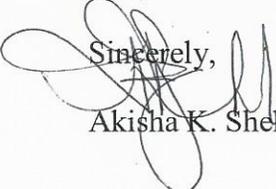
Dear Community Connectors,

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of the Urban Champions proposal being submitted to the Community Connectors Program by the Miami Valley Urban League. The Urban League continues to be successful at providing solutions to the issues that plague our community, particularly its youth. I know they will continue the job with the Urban Champions Program. The City of Dayton would benefit from the presence of additional programming in concert with the school district to help at-risk youth succeed both academically and in life. The combination of the Community Connectors program and the PeaceBuilders model will especially benefit students living in impoverished areas with high crime by providing alternative ways to resolve conflict and greater hope for their future.

Westwood PreK-8 School serves many of the same constituents with similar needs and challenges. We have seen firsthand how the League has managed and worked with the clients that come through its doors. The Urban Champions Program would be a welcomed resource for the community and a great benefit for its families.

At a time when schools are increasing the emphasis on students meeting uniform standards and the workforce is seeking more individuals with acumen in math and sciences, providing at risk youth with the tools and support they need to achieve is crucial. The Urban Champions program seeks to work with students at a critical time in their development. We are pleased to support the Miami Valley Urban League in their efforts to improve the lives of our youth and their families.

Sincerely,


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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Horace H. Lovelace' with a decorative flourish at the end.

Horace H. Lovelace, Principal

School Motto:

"Less than our best is failure"
