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Office of the President

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express support of the **Students Talents Achieving Results (STAR)** mentoring initiative. Mentoring is a proven strategy to transform the lives of young people. Students who have a caring adult to guide them are more likely to stay in school, go to college and/or obtain a rewarding career. Mentoring is a key to unlock the true potential of young people today and guide them to a successful adulthood.

Through the STAR initiative, community mentors from business and industry, post-secondary education, and community and faith-based organizations will assist young people develop the tools they need to become the leaders of tomorrow by spending time with and learning from established professionals within our communities. In particular, Terra State Community College is impressed with the career-focused STAR mentoring initiative which includes introducing the youth to the “world of work” that may not otherwise be available to them. Through the career exploration activities proposed, the program will help youth to build employment skills, such as professionalism, communication, critical thinking, problem solving, and interpersonal and “work ready” soft skills.

The STAR initiative proposed by WSOS Community Action Commission, Inc. (WSOS) in collaboration with Lakota and Gibsonburg School Districts, Sandusky County Economic Development Corporation, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and many faith-based organizations will assist in connecting our business with students prepared to enter the workforce.

Please give full and fair consideration to this proposal. Northwest Ohio is experiencing tremendous business and industry growth. WSOS, along with the Sandusky County Economic Development Corporation, is an experienced and committed partner in providing strong workforce development strategies for individuals and families. I support the collaborations effort to meet the needs of employers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jerome E. Webster'.

Jerome E. Webster
President