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James A. Garfield Local Schools
Ted Lysiak, Superintendent
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Dear Mr. Lysiak:

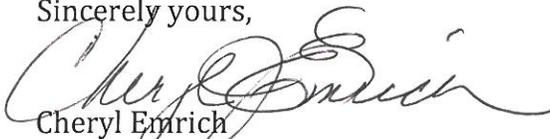
The Portage County ESC has long valued the partnership with the James A. Garfield Local School District. Thank you for the opportunity to support James A. Garfield in this very exciting proposal to support the Campus of Excellence Project. The Portage County ESC strongly supports the application.

For over nine decades, the Portage County ESC has taken a serious and committed position of providing high quality services to the James A. Garfield Local School District. The Portage County ESC is committed to working with the District. Further, the Portage County ESC currently has an established relationship with the District in regards to professional development.

Furthermore, the Portage County ESC believes the contents of this proposal will have ripple effects beyond the James. A. Garfield Local School District as the new program can be replicated in other districts.

In conclusion, the Portage County ESC fully supports the efforts of the James A. Garfield Local School District as they seek external funding to support a program designed to better the educational experiences for students while lowering operational costs. The Portage County ESC has been involved with many grant applications and is confident that the Campus of Excellence Project will be a model of innovation and sustainability.

Sincerely yours,



Cheryl Emrich
Executive Director