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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Board of Education for the Beachwood City School District's ("Beachwood") application for the Straight A Fund grant program. University Hospitals ("UH") is excited to serve in collaboration with Beachwood in developing a Medical Academy, which would be a unique Science Technology Engineering Math ("STEM") program for grades 9 through 12 housed at Beachwood High School with some specialized higher level courses and/or laboratory experiences housed at appropriate UH facilities.

The history of UH spans nearly 150 years. UH is a health care system that serves patients in 16 counties in Northeast Ohio. The system is made up of University Hospitals Case Medical Center, a nationally recognized academic medical center; five wholly owned community medical centers in six locations; three joint venture hospitals; 21 health centers; over 4,000 total providers; more than 14,400 non-physician employees; and seven clinical-care-delivery institutes.

For purposes of this collaboration with Beachwood, UH plans to:

1. Employ a coordinator for the Medical Academy, who will assist with development of the curriculum and provide coordination efforts between Beachwood and the various UH entities that will serve as host sites for students participating in the Medical Academy;
2. Develop appropriate instructional and/or laboratory opportunities at various UH facilities, such as UH Ahuja Medical Center, a 144-bed, seven-story hospital located in Beachwood, Ohio, and UH Management Services Center, an administrative site located in nearby Shaker Heights, Ohio where system operations are managed by various administrative departments; and
3. Participate on a governance board with representatives for Beachwood, which will oversee implementation of the Medical Academy.

UH is pleased to pursue this opportunity with Beachwood and looks forward to implementing the Medical Academy for the 2014-2015 school year. UH's hope is that this Medical Academy will be a novel educational opportunity that will offer students a heightened level of academic confidence and preparedness for success in the medical profession.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael L. Nochomovitz', written over a light blue horizontal line.

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