To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of the Clinton-Brown-Highland Consortia and their initiative into technology and providing skills for the 21st century. As superintendent of the Brown County Educational Service Center, I can attest to the commitment of the districts joined in this endeavor.

The districts reside in an area of the state that has been referred to as the epicenter for the economic depression in the country. The largest employer in the area relocated, leaving thousands of our families without income. Across the region, the percentage of Economically Disadvantaged subgroups of students has dramatically increased. Many families in this region do not have access to the technology offered within this grant opportunity.

This grant opportunity would allow the schools to increase student achievement by provide learning opportunities for students in non-traditional ways by extending learning beyond the classroom and beyond the normal school day. Students will be more prepared for college or careers due to the exposure to the technologies provided and the professional development provided to the teachers.

I am proud to say that Fayetteville Perry Local School District in this consortium is serviced by the Brown County ESC. I am proud that they have built this collaboration with schools outside of Brown County. The network of shared services between these districts and regions will serve to benefit the people of these communities for years to come.

As the Brown County ESC superintendent, I will assist in bringing high quality professional development to the region that will support the teacher skills needed to make this undertaking successful.

Thank you for your consideration in this effort. I am in support of the grant request of the Clinton-Brown-Highland Consortia.

Sincerely,

James V. Frazier, Superintendent
Brown County Educational Service Center

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