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TO: "Straight A Fund" Grant Application Review Team

FROM: Andrew J. Kurtz, Executive Associate Dean 
Bowling Green State University – Firelands College

RE: Partnership Letter of Support
Huron City Schools Transforming Educational Delivery

I am delighted to offer the support of BGSU Firelands to the grant proposal submitted by Huron City Schools to deliver quality online learning using the Canvas learning management system. Our experience in the postsecondary environment is that online students achieve learning outcomes as well as, if not better than, their counterparts in live classrooms. We are eager to lend some of our expertise to Huron City Schools in order to understand how online technologies, coupled with high-impact pedagogies, further student achievement at the secondary level. BGSU Firelands, located in Erie County with an enrollment of 2500 students, has been delivering online courses for over a decade. After an exhaustive evaluation of the products available to postsecondary institutions, BGSU and BGSU Firelands adopted the Canvas learning management system in 2012. Having successfully undergone this transition, BGSU Firelands is well-poised to provide the necessary professional development to Huron City Schools as they embark on their own initiative.