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Dr. T.C. Chappellear
Assistant Superintendent
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Dear Dr. Chappellear:

This letter is to confirm Franciscan University's strong support for your consortiums efforts to secure the 2013 Straight A Fund grant offered through the Ohio Department of Education. This grant will provide our department with the opportunity to build on the current innovative services the University provides; as well as our shared collaboration and commitment to area schools. The University is proud to announce it will offer an in-kind services grant to your consortium schools upon being awarded the Straight A Fund grant. This University sponsored grant will consist of a 20% tuition reduction for all district teachers enrolled in the Masters of Education w/ Emphasis in Online Instruction program here at Franciscan.

The efforts of this grant will personalize education and improve student achievement through increased teacher capacity. It will also better prepare our students for college and future careers; and increase student access to upper level courses. We believe that our teacher preparation programs in online instruction will play vital role in this grant by giving educators the skills necessary to be highly successful in today's digital age of learning and teaching.

We are looking forward to working with you and your faculty in this important work. Kindly feel free to contact me if we can be of further service to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles Joyce". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Charles Joyce, Ed.D.
Director, Graduate Education