



HENRY COUNTY FAMILY COURT
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October 22, 2013

Ohio Department of Education
25 South Front Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: Liberty Center Local Schools Grant Application

To Whom It May Concern:

As a community partner of Liberty Center Local Schools, the Henry County Family Court would like to express our strong support for programming preventing educational distractions.

The Henry County Family Court has an excellent working relationship with Liberty Center Local Schools and have partnered with the school in supporting students on probation to collaborating on community projects and grants.

This project's importance in our community has recently come to light in our most recent Community Health Status Assessment. Specifically, issues that this grant would address are depression screening and intervention, suicide prevention, bullying prevention and response, dating violence, and family stress. Bullying and physical confrontations are one of the many reasons our probation office and Court is involved with school students. In the 2013 Community Health Status Assessment, 53% of youth reported being bullied in the past year, 33% of youth reported being bullied on school property. Also, assaults or physical altercations were one of the top 5 criminal charges of youth cases our Court heard in 2012.

In conclusion, we fully support the efforts of the Liberty Center Local Schools as they seek external funding to support programs designed to prevent education distractions. Any program that will benefit the youth of our community and help reduce conflict and stress to help students focus on their education will benefit Liberty Center students, families and the community at large.

Thank you for your consideration in funding Liberty Center Local Schools.

Sincerely,

Kathryn M. Baden
Henry County Family Court
Court Administrator