

Memorandum of Understanding, October 23, 2013

WHEREAS, Lighthouse Community School and the Madisonville Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation (MCURC) have come together as partners and in an application to the Ohio Department of Education through The Straight A Fund and;

WHEREAS, the partners listed below have agreed to enter into a collaborative agreement in which Lighthouse Community School will be the lead agency and named applicant and the other agencies will be partners in this application; and

WHEREAS, the Madisonville Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation (MCURC) is the neighborhood's nonprofit community development corporation and leads comprehensive community development efforts in the neighborhood, it is desirable to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding setting forth the services to be provided by the partnership;

WHEREAS, the application prepared and approved by the partnership is to be submitted to the Ohio Department of Education on or before October 25, 2013; and

I) DESCRIPTION OF PARTNER AGENCIES

The Madisonville CURC is a 38-year-old nonprofit community development corporation located in close proximity to the Lighthouse Community School. MCURC's mission is to lead the economic development of the neighborhood, including the development of market-rate and affordable housing. MCURC facilitates comprehensive community development in the neighborhood, and works with dozens of partners to improve the quality-of-life for people in Madisonville.

II) HISTORY OF RELATIONSHIP

MCURC and the Lighthouse Community School partnered in late 2011, when Madisonville began to work on an ambitious resident-driven planning process. Lighthouse joined the Steering Committee and became an active partner throughout the planning process and beyond. In particular, Lighthouse joined the Education & Youth Working Group and the Built Environment Group. MCURC and Lighthouse have similar interests in expanding the neighborhood's community gardening programs and better linking the youth to neighborhood residents through food growing and preparation activities.

III) DEVELOPMENT OF APPLICATION

Lighthouse Community School specializes in highly individualized, flexible, and intensive strategies to meet the educational need of youth in the child welfare system. The school employs unconditional positive approaches to foster a safe, stable community that develops effective social skills and enhances academic progress for students whose current or ongoing needs are best met in a small school setting. Lighthouse Community School is the applicant and primary author, with the participation of the Madisonville Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation as needed in ensuring program goals are aligned with the neighborhood plan, and in encouraging community involvement and partnership in the proposed project.

IV) ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby agreed by and between the partners as follows:

- Lighthouse Community School will act as applicant and fiscal agent, supported by Superintendent and Principal:
- Madisonville Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation (MCURC) will support the Lighthouse Community School's efforts to implement the Straight A Fund Management Plan.
- Madisonville Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation (MCURC) also provides the following assurances: It will:
 - Maintain familiarity with the partner's services to enhance the proposal, including specific goals and practices.
 - Advocate that program goals and outcomes are aligned with the Madisonville Quality-of-Life Plan.
 - Help to connect neighborhood-wide resources to the Lighthouse Community School's Straight A Fund Program where appropriate.
 - Promote school and program activities throughout the neighborhood, where appropriate, to enlist volunteer and other support for the program.
 - Facilitate connections between both new and existing neighborhood programs to develop shared synergies in the community.

By signature below, both organizations demonstrate their commitment to the roles and responsibilities of each partner and will work together to achieve the stated project goals and to assist in developing and implementing a self-sustainability plan that sustains funding once grant funds are no longer available.

V) TIMELINE

The roles and responsibilities described above are contingent upon receipt of funds requested for the project described in the final grant application. Responsibilities under this Memorandum of Understanding would coincide with the grant period, anticipated to be January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014, or the actual dates set by the grant agreement with the Ohio Department of Education.

VI) COMMITMENT TO PARTNERSHIP

- 1) The collaboration service area is Hamilton County, Ohio and the City of Cincinnati, Ohio.
- 2) We, the undersigned have read and agree with this MOU. Further, we have reviewed the proposed project and approve it.

This Memorandum of Understanding is completed and agreed on October 23, 2013, as witnessed by the signatures below:

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Cincinnati, OH 45227

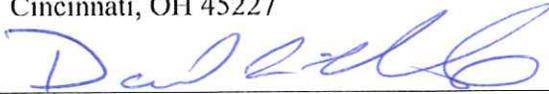
Date:



10/24/13

Daniel L. Trujillo, Superintendent and Principal
Lighthouse Community School
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Date:



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