RESOLUTION TO ADOPT STRAIGHT A FUNDS APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has provided Lorain City Schools with the opportunity to submit a proposal to the Straight A Fund to support the implementation of innovative practices within Ohio’s Schools; and

WHEREAS, Lorain City Schools has developed a proposal, Teaching Digital Natives, which will expand the district’s current technology initiative to bring greater technology resources and access to all district classrooms K-12; and

WHEREAS, the Teaching Digital Natives proposal is aligned to Lorain’s Academic Recovery Plan Priority 3: Rigorous, Relevant Curriculum and Instruction by providing teachers with tools to provide differentiated, innovative, relevant instructional strategies to motivate students and by using instructional technology to enhance student achievement; and

WHEREAS, the Teaching Digital Natives proposal will increase student achievement and meet the following goals outlined in Lorain’s Academic Recovery Plan:

- Increase the percent of students proficient in mathematics by 11% per year and in reading by 10% per year in each subgroup as measured by the Ohio Achievement Assessments (OAA) and the Ohio Graduation Tests (OGT) using the 2011-12 LRC results as the baseline measure.
- Raise the district Performance Index Score by 3.5% per year using the 2011-12 district LRC results as the baseline year.
- Increase Four Year Graduation Rate by 13% per year using the 2011-12 LRC results as the baseline measure.
- Increase the percent of students reading at the proficient or higher level on the 3rd grade reading OAA by 15% per year using the 2011-12 LRC as the baseline year.
- Achieve a composite district value added rating of “met expected growth” on the LRC in two of the next three years (2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16).
- Reduce Achievement Gaps between the LCSD subgroups and the State of Ohio subgroup AMO by 10% per year as measured by state assessments using the 2011-12 LRC results as the baseline measure.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Lorain’s Academic Distress Commission is in full support of Lorain City Schools Straight A Funds proposal, Teaching Digital Natives.

I certify that the Academic Distress Commission for Lorain City School has adopted the resolution hereinabove set forth on the 15th day of October 2013.

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Dr. William J. Kelei, Chair
Lorain Academic Distress Committee