

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.



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