

# THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON



October 23, 2013

Straight A Fund  
Ohio Department of Education  
25 South Front Street  
Columbus, Ohio  
43215-4183

***Re: Midview School District Straight A Proposal***

To Whom It May Concern;

The University of Akron (UA) is honored to serve as Primary Partner on the Midview School District's application for Straight A funding. Administrators from our Division of Student Success have been working with Midview students and officials for more than a year. This proposal is the next step in a partnership that we feel will enhance educational opportunity and success of students in the Grafton, Ohio community.

The University of Akron agrees to provide on-going educational aspiration and pathways for Midview students. Specifically, UA will work with Midview parents to train them as Postsecondary Coaches and develop a parent-to-parent mentoring program utilizing parents of our Choose Ohio First Scholars as role models for Midview parents. Additionally, the University will provide experiential learning opportunities that focus on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) for Midview fourth and eighth graders. The partnership will continue through Midview High School students where UA will work with Project Lead the Way educators to encourage and support students in pursuit of STEM fields of study.

The partnership between the Midview School District and The University of Akron is a unique opportunity to build a sustainable educational pipeline K-20 that focuses on sustainable careers. More importantly, the project will utilize and train parents to provide on-going coaching for their children in K-12 and beyond. I ask that you give the Midview School District's application your full consideration.

If you have any questions about the proposal, our partnership or The University of Akron do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

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