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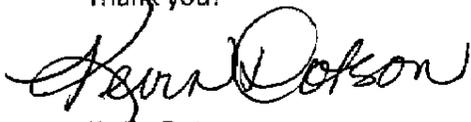
Ohio Department of Education:

I would like to offer my support to Tri-County Career Center for their efforts on applying for the Straight "A" Fund. The Nelsonville area is in great need of an advanced technology training center. Our region is in critical need of trade programs to train our youth. A state of the art Welding lab will be a huge enhancement to the training needs in our area.

Tri-County has continued to lead our region in career and technical education, their innovative spirit is a great anchor to the trade and industry in our area. The updated demonstration labs will add to student achievement and increase the opportunities available to our students. The Appalachian schools that feed into Tri-County are some of the poorest in the state. The career center offers that individual trade and industry training to give students skills to compete with bigger cultural employees.

Tri-County's vision to add this training option to our areas is outstanding. The Nelsonville Chamber is completely behind the new innovation and vision of Tri-County Career Center. I look forward to having this new addition in our town.

Thank you!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Dotson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "K" and "D".

Kevin Dotson,
Nelsonville Chamber President