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Dr. Ross,

The Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center (AMESC) supports the Straight A Fund initiative for the prospect of furthering quality education. To that end we endorse and are prepared to support the Tri-County Career Center’s application toward the same.

The Tri-County Career Center is a Joint Vocational School District located in Nelsonville, Ohio serving the needs of students in grades 11 and 12 from Athens, Hocking and Perry Counties. The districts in their CTPD comprise some of the poorest districts in the State of Ohio. Tri-County Career Center has been a career development leader for this region for nearly 50 years. At a time when the development and support of a of skilled labor is so important to the State of Ohio and our Nation, Tri-County leads the way in this region by preparing students for the workforce, post-secondary options, or military career service. This funding would allow the Center to serve the needs of the region and while developing stronger curricular offerings with the by-product being a stronger workforce and supports for our local business and industry communities.

The plan of expanding their services deep into a technology rich curricular environment and delivery methodology is both timely and appropriate. Their history of serving as regional leaders in the field of technology and service make them an outstanding recipient. If the Governing Board values quality and the greatest potential for successful implementation and assured sustainability, it will certainly choose to award this application.

The AMESC will bring to bear its resources to assist the Tri-County Career Center in its endeavor towards a successful plan implementation.

Sincerely,

Ricky D. Edwards  
Superintendent