October 23, 2013

To whom it may concern,

As we work to prepare Madeira students for their future, we are continuing to challenge ourselves to develop new and innovative ideas that provide non-traditional learning opportunities for students. The Straight A Fund has spurred this innovative spirit and it is with great enthusiasm that we are partnering with the University of Cincinnati in their efforts to secure funding for their “Step Up to College” Straight A grant proposal.

Preparing today’s student for the college environment should look different than it did even 5-10 years ago. With more and more colleges and universities going to digital online learning, Madeira High School would like to “think differently” about preparing students for their next step by offering ‘Step Up to College’ - an online dual credit course offering both high school and college credit to our high school students that will prepare them for the online college environment as well as becoming better consumers and discerners of the vast array of digital information resources and research tools. By collaborating with students on relevant projects that require information literacy skills, our students will be better prepared and even more successful within the college environment as they take this high school/university course.

Madeira City Schools is proud to partner with the University of Cincinnati on their Straight A Grant application and invite your serious consideration of this worthwhile endeavor. If I can be of assistance in further clarifying our goals with this grant proposal, please contact me directly at skramer@madeiracityschools.org or by calling 513-985-6070.

Sincerely,

Stephen M. Kramer
Superintendent, Madeira City Schools

In partnership with parents and community, Madeira City Schools provides and promotes a positive learning environment that challenges each learner to achieve full academic potential for excellence and be a responsible, educated, and caring individual now and in the future.