

October 24, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

Please consider this a strong recommendation for the awarding of a Straight A Innovation grant to the University of Cincinnati in cooperation with Oak Hills Local Schools and other school partners. The "Step Up to College" proposal will provide opportunities for our teachers to engage in professional development designed to better prepare them for online instruction and design. Oak Hills has committed to an eLearning environment enabling students to complete coursework online, as well as, through blended-learning. The coursework offered to our teachers will greatly enhance the learning process for students.

In addition, UC will expand opportunities for our high school seniors to earn college credit through dual credit courses. The "Step Up to College" grant will serve to bridge the gap between traditional and online learning, while offering college credit for high school students.

Our students and teachers anxiously await the awarding of this grant to the University of Cincinnati. Thank you for your strong consideration.

Sincerely,



Todd Yohey, Superintendent of Schools
Oak Hills Local School District