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Lisa Murray, Technology Coach
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Dear Lisa,

On behalf of the Stark Portage Area Computer Consortium, I would like to offer my company's resources and support to the Straight A Fund application that Vermilion Schools and the Stark Portage Area Computer Consortium are submitting. The funds secured through the Straight A grant will be devoted to enhancing the infrastructure, curriculum, and the necessary professional development to enhance the use of online and blended learning at Vermilion Local as well as multiple schools in Northeast Ohio.

Since 2002, the Stark Portage Area Computer Consortium (SPARCC) member districts have been using online learning to deliver nearly 48 credit courses as an educational alternative to hundreds of students that participate in the online consortium through SPARCC. Recently the use of blended courses has increased dramatically to include hundreds of blended courses containing over 14,000 student enrollments. Vermilion wants to expand their online offerings to teachers in grades K-6 enabling the teachers to offer additional content and resources to the students. The SPARCC Online Consortium will benefit from the additional elementary coursework for grades K-6. SPARCC, Agilix Labs, Inc., and Florida Virtual School staff are willing to provide professional development to the teachers on how to deliver content online. These professional development opportunities, along with the hosting service that Agilix provides, ensures teacher success in enhancing their instruction through online learning.

Thank you for the opportunity to be part of this proposal.

Respectfully,

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