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To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West (ESCLEW), I am writing this letter of support for Virtual Schoolhouse community school regarding their application concerning the Straight A Fund. The ESCLEW has sponsored Virtual Schoolhouse since its inception in 2004. As a school that takes pride in educating students in Ohio for close to a decade, Virtual Schoolhouse focuses on providing the least restrictive environment for special education students. As the sponsor (authorizer) of Virtual Schoolhouse, we monitor their academic performance, compliance, and finances in accordance with state statutes, laws, and contractual obligations.

ESCLEW currently sponsors 60 schools in Ohio with a combined population of over 8,000 special education students. We recognize the intrinsic value in this project, especially as it pertains to providing services for special education students. The project goals to improve student achievement, reduce personnel and general spending, and enhance special education compliance by creating a more efficient system for students, teachers, and leaders of the school are excellent. When achieved, it will ultimately reduce costs and lead to more resources being utilized in the classroom. Any project that can assure schools are more efficient, remain compliant, and reduce reporting and audit costs will ultimately benefit their students by ensuring the staff remains focused on their mission – educating students.

In summary, the ESCLEW fully supports the efforts of Virtual Schoolhouse and their partners as they seek external funding to achieve the goals of this project.

Sincerely,

James N. George, Executive Director
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