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In order to ensure the effective implementation of the Straight A Fund throughout the state, applicants are encouraged to partner with education stakeholders. Each applicant must identify its partners and attach a description of each respective partner's roles and responsibilities.

Each member of the partnership is responsible for the following assurances:

1. Be knowledgeable about the applicant's Straight A Fund grant proposal and application, including advocacy of the Straight A Fund program.
2. Maintain familiarity with the partner's services to enhance the proposal, including specific goals and practices.
3. Demonstrate a commitment to clear roles and responsibilities of each partner as it relates to the grant proposal and application.
4. Sustain consistent communication among partners and stakeholders with a shared vision of the goals of the grant proposal. This includes participating in regularly scheduled meetings for project management and identifying areas for improvement.
5. Ensure partners have appropriate access to data for purposes of grant program improvement and evaluation in accordance with state and federal law.
6. Develop a clear project management plan to sustain the project over time.

**Partnership Signatures**

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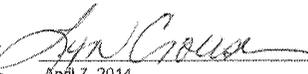
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