

SHERWOOD STATE BANK

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November 23, 2015

Alex Fischer
Chairperson
Straight A Fund Governing Board
25 South Front Street
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Dear Mr. Fischer,

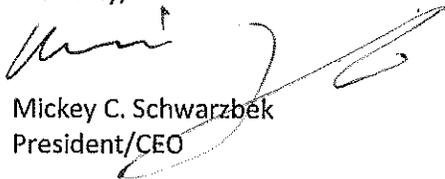
The Sherwood State Bank has recently pursued actions to recruit new employees to fulfill our customers' demands. We are also opening a new branch that will create the need for an additional four employees in Fulton County, Ohio. We are pleased that the Ohio Department of Education has launched a creative program that can create partnerships between education and private business called the Straight A Fund.

The Sherwood State Bank has had discussions with Fayette Local Schools to provide a unique opportunity for high school students in several school districts in Fulton County, Ohio to receive hands-on education opportunities within our facility. The students will have the opportunity to participate in an apprenticeship program at one of our places of business, while continuing their high school education through the Straight A Fund program.

In today's labor market, it is imperative that businesses and educational institutions partner to enhance the education of young students and provide them with skills that will remain in high-demand during their professional careers and that are transferable. The Sherwood State Bank supports the efforts that will be put forth in this grant opportunity and looks forward to our involvement in the process.

If you have any questions please reach me daily on my cell at 419-769-3698.

Sincerely,



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