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November 20, 2015

Matt Thornsberry, Superintendent  
Unioto School District  
14193 Pleasant Valley Rd,  
Chillicothe, OH 45601

Dear Mr. Thornsberry,

I am writing on behalf of Adena Health System to express support of Unioto School District's A-Plus grant application to expand the S.C.O.P.E.S. program. Adena was pleased to provide the original grant to start the program in 2014. We commend you and your staff for your continued efforts to improve and expand the program to children in different grade levels.

As you know, several of our physicians and providers volunteer for the program. Should Unioto receive funding to expand S.C.O.P.E.S, Adena will commit to increasing the number of providers to assist in delivery of programming, including our graduate medical education students.

Our organization is pleased to continue a relationship and support of Unioto School District and looks forward to continued participation in the S.C.O.P.E.S. program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "SK Jones".

S. Kimberly Jones  
Director, Community Health Advancement



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November 21, 2015

Jenni Domo  
Unioto Elementary  
138 Sandusky Blvd.  
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

Dear Jenny:

United Way will serve as a partner agency on the advisory council for Unioto's "Straight A Grant." The United Way of Ross County has identified Education as one of the goal areas to focus on in the United Way Strategic Plan. This "Straight A Grant" will lay the foundation for 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills needed in our community. United Way will be providing \$4,500 to Unioto to offer a Jump Start Kindergarten Program for the 2016 summer. Unioto's administration has indicated they will be using some of the STEM principles in this program.

The STEM grant will prepare elementary students for middle school and high school when they begin to search STEM careers and the courses they need to enter a STEM field. The Science Cooperative of Physicians and Elementary Students (SCOPES) has made an impact on the learning experiences of the gifted students the program serves.

Best wishes in obtaining this grant. Please let me know if United Way can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Catherine M. Whalen  
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November 30, 2015

Matt Thornsberry, Superintendent  
Unioto School District  
14193 Pleasant Valley Rd  
Chillicothe, Oh 45601

Dear Mr. Thornsberry,

On behalf of Horizon Telcom, I am writing to offer our enthusiastic support of Unioto School District's A-Plus grant application to expand the S.C.O.P.E.S. program. We are excited about the improvements you have planned for the program. We believe the expansion of this program will not only be beneficial to the students and families at Unioto, but to the community in general.

My daughter Jaidyn was a participant in the S.C.O.P.E.S. program at the elementary school last school year and is now in the S.T.E.A.M. program at the middle school. Consequently, I have seen, first hand, the tremendous opportunities it has provided students. I also witnessed the students' engagement as I participated as a guest presenter last year. Should Unioto receive funding to expand the program, Horizon will encourage our employees to assist in whatever ways make sense.

As a local and regional broadband services provider, Horizon considers itself to be one of the strongest technology companies in the area. We look forward to the benefits this expanded program will provide our company and community in both the short- and long-term. Therefore, we wholeheartedly support the Unioto School District's efforts to improve and enhance the S.C.O.P.E.S program.

Sincerely,

Bill McKell  
CEO Horizon Telecom  
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November 20, 2015

Matt Thornsberry, Superintendent  
Union-Scioto School District  
14193 Pleasant Valley Rd,  
Chillicothe, OH 45601

Dear Mr. Thornsberry,

I am writing on behalf of the YMCA of Ross County to express support of Union-Scioto School District's A-Plus grant application to expand the S.C.O.P.E.S. program. We are honored to partner with your district on a host of initiatives, and the S.C.O.P.E.S. program is one we very much look forward to supporting. We're very impressed by the work of your staff on implementing and expanding this program.

We are committed to providing support, particularly in the health, wellness and physical activity portions of your program. We see many opportunities to engage the young people in hands-on education and learning.

Our organization is pleased to continue a relationship and support of Union-Scioto School District and looks forward to continued participation in the S.C.O.P.E.S. program.

Sincerely,  
Steve Clever, LISW-S  
Executive Director / CEO  
YMCA of Ross County



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Dear Mrs. Domo:

After reviewing the synopsis of Unioto's Straight A Grant proposal, Ohio University-Chillicothe will have representatives serving on the Advisory Council. I will collaborate with the Evaluation Group examining the effectiveness of the STEM project at Unioto.

Ohio University-Chillicothe has been involved in STEM grants. The SCOPES: School of innovation-Bringing STEM to Appalachia Proposal will provide a deeper knowledge of math and science needed by students as they pursue college degrees. The Science Cooperative of Physicians and Elementary Students (SCOPES) in the pilot year at Unioto has made an impact on the learning experiences of the gifted students it serves.

Sincerely,

Martin Tuck, PhD  
Dean of Ohio University-Chillicothe