ANDERSON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Appendix G

Letters of Support

MADISON CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION 2
G. GEORGE PANCOL, JUDGE
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June 26, 2015

Superintendent Glenda Ritz
Superintendent of Public Instruction
Indiana Department of Education
115 W. Washington Street, Suite 600
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Superintendent Ritz:

I am pleased with the opportunity to write a letter of support on behalf of the Anderson Community School Corporation's application for the School Improvement Grant.
As Judge of the Madison County Juvenile Court, I have worked closely with Anderson Community Schools with various programs to support our youth. At the Madison County Youth Center, we strive to promote the healthy development of youth and families. But the best way to promote the healthy development of our youth is to intervene before the onset of delinquent behavior begins. This grant will develop many programs that will prevent delinquent behavior in many of our students, giving them the best chance to be productive adults in our society.
This grant will help fund the development and implementation of new programs, such as the Family Literacy Night, during which parents, students, and teachers can share creative activities to use at school and at home; Open Houses to meet parent needs; and Orientation events for incoming students at the Middle School and High School. The grant will also provide additional funds to support tutoring, homework assistance, and provide remediation support. These types of programs, that bring the community together, can make a significant difference to our youth and their parents.
The hiring of a Truancy Interventionist will also provide assistance to students and their families to increase overall attendance rates. The Truancy officer will inform and educate parents and students about attendance laws and will investigate unexcused or excessive absences. We know the importance of keeping students and parents accountable. Truancy has been linked to serious delinquent activity in youth, such as, gang activity, involvement in criminal activity, and substance abuse issues. Providing a Truancy Interventionist in the schools, will be instrumental in keeping the truancy rate down.
This School Improvement Grant will make a significant difference for our students, our teachers, and our community. The students of Anderson deserve the best, and this grant will meet the individual student needs and support the efforts of the teachers in helping our youth.
Sincerely,

Judge G. George Pancol
Madison County Circuit Court II

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Reverence
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Integrity
Inspiring trust through personal leadership.

Wisdom
Integrating excellence and stewardship.

Creativity
Courageous innovation.

Dedication
Affirming the hope and joy of our ministry.

June 26, 2015

Superintendent Glenda Ritz
Superintendent of Public Instruction
Indiana Department of Education
115 W. Washington Street, Suite 600
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Superintendent Ritz:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Anderson Center of St. Vincent Health System, to express my full support of the application submitted by Anderson Community School Corporation for the School Improvement Grant.

The Anderson Center provides educational and therapeutic services to many of the students from the Anderson Community School Corporation. Our program is designed to meet the needs of students with emotional or behavioral difficulties, which have an impact on their ability to learn within their regular school setting. As an organization which works to give students the opportunity to achieve success, we feel this grant will help support our efforts in many ways.

The grant puts a strong emphasis on professional development opportunities for administrators and teachers and the positive outcomes PD provides for students and staff. These opportunities will emphasize high quality educational instruction, the building of productive relationships with all students, and managing student behavior. A Life Coach will be hired to meet with students to assess student strengths/weaknesses and to make recommendations to improve student behavior and academic performance. These types of programs will give our students the opportunity to achieve success.

In conclusion, I fully support the efforts of the Anderson Community School Corporation, as they seek funding to support the programs needed to help our Youth.

Sincerely,

Marion White
Executive Director

SUZANNE GRESHAM Center

Supportive Care for Children & Families

June 26, 2015

Superintendent Glenda Ritz
Superintendent of Public Instruction
Indiana Department of Education
115 W. Washington Street, Suite 600
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Superintendent Ritz:

On behalf of Meridian Health Services, I am writing this letter in support of the School Improvement Grant submitted by the Anderson Community School Corporation.

We at Meridian Health Services provide services to many of the students in the Anderson Community School Corporation. We provide mental health services to students individually or in groups, and also help struggling students who require additional help to find answers so they can find their way.

Many of the programs outlined in the School Improvement Grant will benefit the students of Anderson Community Schools. The Orientation Programs will help students become familiar with their new school prior to school starting. Teachers and administrators will welcome students with planned activities that will help with the transition to middle school and high school, which will alleviate stress and anxiety in students. Also, the Open Houses will help students and their parents feel welcome in their schools and will allow for assistance with any questions. These types of programs can be extremely helpful to a student's wellbeing.

Anderson Community Schools is showing a commitment to developing programs to support student growth and academic achievement. The awarding of this grant to Anderson Community Schools will make a huge impact on their students.

Sincerely,

Dawn E. Huff, Administrative Manager
Meridian Health Services

SECOND MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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Rev. William L. O'Neal, Pastor

Second Missionary Baptist Church

POWER OVER YOUR PROBLEMS TODAY
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June 29, 2015

Superintendent Glenda Ritz
Superintendent of Public Instruction
Indiana Department of Education
115 W. Washington Street, Suite 600
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Superintendent Ritz:

As a Pastor in Anderson, Indiana, it is my pleasure to write this letter supporting Anderson Community School Corporation's School Improvement Grant Initiative, under Section 1003(g) of Title I.

As a Pastor, I have worked with leaders of the community and with the Anderson Community School Corporation to offer spiritual leadership to their students.

Getting parents and the community involved in our youth plays such an important role in student success. This School Improvement Grant will help develop programs to support student growth and academic achievement in many ways. The implementation of new programs, such as the Family Literacy Night, Family Math/Science Night, Family Technology Night, and the many Orientation events and Open Houses, will support students, and are all so important to developing good relationships with students and their family.

It is essential that we as a community show our support and work with our schools to help our youth succeed. This grant will fund so many important programs that are much needed in our schools, and I am happy to put my endorsement on the School Improvement Grant submitted on behalf of Anderson Community School Corporation.

Sincerely,
Pastor William O'Neal

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ANDERSON UNIVERSITY
The Community Partnership Center

June 25, 2015

Superintendent Glenda Ritz
Superintendent of Public Instruction
Indiana Department of Education
115 W. Washington Street, Suite 600
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Superintendent Ritz:

As the Director of the Community Partnership Center at Anderson University, I am pleased to demonstrate my support of the Anderson Community School Corporation's (ACSC) School Improvement Grant Initiative, under Section 1003(g) of Title I.

Within the ACSC district, there are many challenges that face our families and students. I believe the School Improvement Grant will allow staff to put the structures in place to improve student culture and academic success through improved school community support. The strong focus on professional development, together with the added professional resources, such as school data, will contribute to student success.

Over the next five years, this grant will allow Highland Middle School and Anderson High School to work in collaborative planning teams to examine and discuss standards-based learning expectations for students. This process will assist the district in meeting necessary outcomes that will contribute to student and economic success in our community and state. The grant will provide structures to improve student culture and academic success by increasing support in all areas of academic and social development.

We are all committed to supporting this grant and working with the teachers, students, and community to help with the implementation of this exciting transformational model.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Moran

Stephanie Moran
Director, Community Partnership Center
Anderson University

6/20/2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Grant Support for Anderson Community School Corporation (ACSC)

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for Anderson Community School Corporation's grant application submitted to the Indiana Department of Education.

This grant is important to Anderson and the ACSC's priority projects because this grant will afford the corporation to provide the students of Anderson Community School Corporation an opportunity to gain the extra support they need in order to be successful within the school and community environments. Extra support comes in the form of life coaches, social workers, technology equipment, etc.

I am confident the Anderson Community School Corporation will deliver to its students the extra support they need with the same diligence and enthusiasm with which the grant is purposed.

In conclusion, I fully support the efforts of ACSC in seeking funding from the Indiana Department of Education to support their priority projects/plans that will improve the educational outcomes and wellbeing of its students.

Sincerely,

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June 26, 2015

Superintendent Glenda Ritz
Superintendent of Public Instruction
Indiana Department of Education
115 West Washington Street, Suite 600
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Dear Superintendent Ritz:

I am writing on behalf of the Madison County Council of Governments (MCCOG) in full support of the School Improvement Grant application being submitted by the Anderson Community School Corporation (ACSC).

MCCOG is the acting Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the City of Anderson/Madison County and oversees the coordination of transportation and land use community planning efforts. As the MPO, MCCOG collects and analyzes a lot of data ranging from demographics to transportation patterns. MCCOG recently had the opportunity to work with ACSC on a Safe Routes to School grant awarded through the Indiana State Department of Health. The initiative is closely tied to an overall corporation wellness initiative that aligns well with the goals of the School Improvement Grant.

MCCOG looks forward to continuing our existing partnership with ACSC and assisting in the collection and analysis of data to target school improvements. MCCOG has developed a comprehensive database and has the expertise to combine datasets for a thorough analysis to better inform ACSC on instruction and community strategies for improving student success.

ACSC has proven their dedication to improving the education, health, and wellness of their students. MCCOG looks forward to helping keep the City of Anderson and ACSC on the cutting edge of education and technology and all the efforts outlined in the School Improvement Grant.

Sincerely,

Jerrold L. Bridges, AICP
Executive Director