

The LEA must review each of the principles above, as well as the evidence and assurances. In signing below, the LEA commits to:

1. Updating the grant and/or providing documentation of any additional assurances requested above.
2. Implementing all pieces of evidence already included in the grant proposal, as well as any additions provided.

Superintendent Name <i>Sharon Johnson Shirky</i> ^{Ed.D}	Superintendent Signature <i>Sharon Johnson Shirky</i>	Date <i>5-5-14</i>
School Board Member Name <i>Glenn Johnson</i>	School Board Member Signature <i>Glenn Johnson</i>	Date <i>5-5-14</i>
Union Representative Name and Role <i>Danelle Bulatovich</i>	Union Representative Signature <i>Danelle Bulatovich</i>	Date <i>5-7-14</i>
Title I Program Administrator Name <i>Kathleen A. Martin</i>	Title I Program Administrator Signature <i>Kathleen A. Martin</i>	Date <i>5-5-14</i>
Principal Name <i>Torry Ivey</i>	Principal Signature <i>Torry Ivey</i>	Date <i>5-6-14</i>

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March 24, 2014

Glenda Ritz
Superintendent
State of Indiana
200 West Washington Street, Suite 229
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Superintendent Ritz:

I am writing in strong support of an application submitted by Lake Ridge New Tech Middle School for a Title I 1003(g) grant offered through the Indiana Department of Education.

Lake Ridge New Tech Middle School, which is currently a *Priority* school, is striving to improve academic achievement. The 2012-2013 ISTEP⁺ resulted in a School Accountability grade of "D" for LRNTMS. However, it must be noted that only 6.3% (5 students) stood between the middle school and a grade of "C." Great strides have already been made, and I am confident that, with the assistance of the IDOE, Lake Ridge New Tech Middle School will demonstrate its continued commitment to high quality education.

To that end, I assure you that Lake Ridge Schools will eliminate barriers to allow for full implementation of the Transformation Model which has been selected in order to focus on Instruction and Support Strategies that will result in academic growth at Lake Ridge New Tech Middle School.

Thank you for giving this grant proposal the serious consideration it deserves. If you are in need of any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Dr. Sharon Johnson-Shirley
Superintendent
Lake Ridge Schools

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March 31, 2014

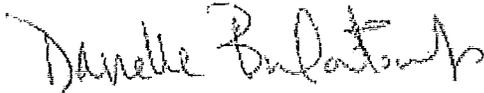
To the School Improvement Grant Committee:

On behalf of the Lake Ridge Federation of Teachers, I am writing in support of the School Improvement Grant Fund sought by Lake Ridge Middle School.

As a school we have implemented many initiatives to enhance our standardized test scores, along with the culture and environment of our school. Sadly with budget cuts, some of these initiatives have fallen off, however with the aid of this grant, the programs that have benefited our school can be resumed. This grant will also assist our school in starting new and much-needed programs that will help in raising standardized test scores. The grant will also provide prolonged learning opportunities for students, and provide supportive and ongoing teacher support to help build culture within both their classrooms and school.

I strongly encourage you to accept Lake Ridge Middle School's grant proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Danelle Bulatovich".

Danelle Bulatovich
Vice President
Lake Ridge Teachers Union
American Federation of Teachers
Local #662

March 21, 2014

To the Lake Ridge Schools and the School Improvement Grant Committee,

On behalf of the Lake Ridge School Board, I am writing in strong support of the School Improvement Grant Fund sought by Lake Ridge Middle School.

As we build upon the success of the implementations that we have put into place in the last couple of years as well as the achievements we have accomplished in transforming to the New Tech model, we look forward to the execution of the proposed programs outlined in the School Improvement Grant at Lake Ridge Middle School. This grant will assist the school in making the necessary changes to raise standardized test scores, provide extended learning for students, and provide ongoing teacher support in their classrooms.

I strongly encourage you to accept Lake Ridge Schools' grant proposal. If you are in need of any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 219-545-1889.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn Johnson", with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

**Glenn Johnson
President
Lake Ridge Board of School Trustees**