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County: Lawrence

II. Collaborative Partners

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III. Project Information

Project Description:

The Lawrence County Educational Service Center is requesting \$83,750 for the design and management of an efficient countywide system of transportation for students with exceptional needs. The Lawrence County Student Transport Network (Countywide Transport Network) is a cooperative undertaking that involves the county's seven public school districts. The project will create a countywide routing system for special needs students that is both effective and resourceful.

Since the mid-1990's Lawrence County school districts have worked together to develop seven county-wide special education units where students with challenging needs may receive a full continuum of services. Each cooperative unit is specifically designed to meet the academic, social, emotional and physical needs of the students it serves. This merging of services has been encouraging and worthwhile, as districts have recognized a substantial savings while providing an enhanced program for exceptional needs students. The units employ highly qualified instructors who are experienced and knowledgeable about all facets of special education. Student performance data supports that the students have clearly benefited from a higher quality of instruction. School districts, as well as students and parents, have realized the advantages of this merging of services. In the current 2011-2012 school year, a total of 102 students are thriving in the cooperative special education units.¹

Currently each school district individually transports their students to the cooperative units mainly located in the western part of the county. With the increased cost of fuel along with state budget cuts, today's transportation costs for rural districts are considerable. The Countywide Transport Network would eliminate a duplication of services where each district is currently providing their own bus destined for the same locations. A transport network would save each district thousands of dollars annually and would allow reallocation of those dollars back into the classrooms where special needs students are served.

The primary objective of the Countywide Transport Network is to provide safe and reliable transportation for students with exceptional needs. The districts would share the cost of this service by applying best practices in planning and managing a customized transportation operation. In September of 2011, the Ohio Department of Education provided \$191,860 for the purchase of two 72 passenger buses to be used solely for the transportation of students with exceptional needs. Each bus is customized with special needs equipment, including wheel chair lift, chair restraint tracks and locks and adaptive seat restraints.

¹ For details about the number of students served by the cooperative special education units, see Tab 5: Supporting Documents .

The Countywide Transport Network will utilize the two acquired buses to transport special needs students moving from east to west across Lawrence County. Many rural county and township roads crisscross the county. A well designed plan of pick-up and drop off points that will maximize transportation time will be determined to best serve the needs of individual students. Eastern and western bulk fueling stations will be established and maintained by the school districts. With the implementation of this shared service, Lawrence County School Districts anticipate a savings up to 70% per year. Transportation costs would be reduced significantly by eliminating the need for more than two bus drivers and by sharing the costs of fuel, insurance and maintenance for two buses.

Computer-assisted transportation routing and scheduling will offer a more efficient operation of special needs transportation. Software, such as Routefinder Pro from Transfinder Corporation, will enable school leaders to coordinate transportation arrangements and integrate with district-wide student information systems. The software promises multiple benefits, including peace of mind for parents and school personnel. The software would enable school officials to match students' Individual Education Program (IEP) transportation requirements to vehicles with specialized equipment, and would store information about specific medical conditions so that appropriate and timely preparations are made for transporting individual students. Map and mileage data that is collected and stored would allow districts to continually analyze the effectiveness of the transport network. This type of software is very needed for effective and ongoing planning and management of the Countywide Transport Network, yet the cost to purchase such software is not feasible for financially strapped rural districts.

In Southeastern Ohio, rural school districts face similar budgetary challenges while trying to provide the best possible services for all students. Collaborative partnerships allow districts to stretch dollars in financially strapped areas. Cost sharing of the special education units has proven to be successful and provides proof for how districts can better serve students while reducing costs. The Lawrence County Student Transport Network will also serve as a model for other rural counties with shared special education services. Data gathered will be shared upon request with school leaders considering similar merged transportation systems.

The information and knowledge accumulated from the management of a Countywide Transport Network for special needs students can be applied to the planning of future shared service projects. Such projects could include merging high maintenance high school academic courses, such as agricultural science, engineering, medical sciences and graphic design to one campus where transportation and instructional costs would be shared. With the needed software to guide the management of the project, the Countywide Transport Network will prove to be a model for additional merged services among the county's school districts.

Type of Award:

The partners are requesting \$83,750 for a planning and management grant award.

Problem Statement:

Transporting special needs students safely and efficiently requires extensive planning and ongoing managing. Currently each Lawrence County school district individually transports their own students to cooperative special education units located in the western part of the county. With the increased cost of fuel along with state budget cuts, transportation costs for rural districts are substantial. The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) recognized the need for a countywide transport network in Lawrence County that would transfer students with exceptional needs to special education classrooms which are cooperatively supported by the county's school districts. In September, 2011, the ODE provided \$191,860 for the purchase of two customized buses to be used solely for the transportation of special needs students enrolled in Lawrence County cooperative classrooms. Partnering districts are requesting grant funding that would support the planning and management of a countywide routing system that is both effective and resourceful.

Targeted Approach to Innovation:

The Lawrence County Student Transport Network will use a shared service approach to providing safe and reliable transportation for students with exceptional needs.

Anticipated Savings:

The estimated total savings for the districts as a whole will be significant, about 70%, of FY2011 costs. The number of buses and drivers will be reduced from seven to two. Districts will share the salary costs for two bus drivers plus the maintenance, insurance and fuel for the two buses. The total costs for transporting special needs students to the countywide units is anticipated to be only about 30% of the current costs. The table reflects the cost of transporting students to and from the cooperative special education units for each district during the past three years.²

School District	Cost FY09	Cost FY10	Cost FY11	Costs Incurred Past 3 Years	70% Savings of FY11 Costs
Fairland Local	\$106,105	\$117,062	\$118,425	\$341,592	\$35,527
Dawson Bryant Local	\$75,708	\$64,197	\$70,965	\$210,870	\$21,289
South Point Local	\$111,586	\$113,432	\$113,253	\$338,271	\$33,976
Ironton City	\$64,779	\$67,750	\$57,754	\$190,283	\$17,326
Chesapeake Ex. Village	\$111,897	\$134,188	\$72,793	\$318,878	\$21,838
Rock Hill Local	\$88,900	\$69,720	\$68,547	\$227,167	\$68,150
Symmes Valley Local	\$49,868	\$58,256	\$52,522	\$160,646	\$15,756
Combined Costs/Savings	\$715,158	\$624,605	\$554,259	\$1,787,707	\$213,862

² Financial documentation from individual school districts is included in Tab 4: Financial Documentation.

Probability of Success:

The likelihood of success is high, not only in substantial financial savings for school districts but more importantly in the provision of a safe and well-managed routing system so that students with exceptional needs may continue to benefit from high quality educational programs.

Replication of Project:

The Lawrence County Student Transport Network will serve as a model for other rural counties with shared special education services. Data gathered will be shared upon request with school leaders considering similar merged transportation systems. The information and knowledge accumulated from the management of a Countywide Transport Network for special needs students can be applied to the planning of future shared service projects. Such projects could include merging high maintenance high school academic courses, such as agricultural science, engineering, medical sciences and graphic design to one campus where transportation and instructional costs would be shared.

Past Success of an Innovation:

Since the mid-1990's Lawrence County school districts have shared the costs of seven county-wide special education units where students with challenging needs are better served. This merging of services has been encouraging, as districts have recognized a substantial savings while providing an enhanced program for exceptional needs students. The units employ highly qualified instructors who are experienced and knowledgeable about all facets of special education. Each cooperative unit is specifically designed to meet the academic, social, emotional and physical needs of the students. By pooling district resources, students have benefited from a higher quality of instruction.

Response to Current Economy:

In Southeastern Ohio, rural school districts face similar budgetary challenges while trying to provide the best possible services for all students. Collaborative partnerships allow districts to stretch dollars in financially strapped areas. With the implementation of the Countywide Transport Network, Lawrence County school districts anticipate a significant savings each year. Transportation costs would be reduced by eliminating the need for more than two bus drivers and by sharing the costs of fuel, insurance and bus maintenance for two buses.

Intent to Implement Recommendations to Improve Performance:

With available transportation routing software, such as Transfinder, map and mileage data will be collected and stored. This information will allow districts to continually analyze the effectiveness of the transport network and adjust routing as needed.

Improved Community Attraction:

A safe and well-managed routing system will enhance the educational programming for students with exceptional needs. Parents are concerned with safety and that their son or daughter are offered opportunities that are of the highest quality. A merging of educational services has proven to be an advantage to students with the most challenging needs. A transportation system that is well-managed and addresses special physical and development needs is an important facet of the total education program. The Lawrence County Student Transport Network will raise the level of confidence among stakeholders that a safe and well-managed transportation service is available for students with exceptional needs.

IV. Financial Documentation

The seven public school districts of Lawrence County anticipate a total savings of at least \$339,998, or about 70%, for FY2012 and for the following two years as a result of this project. Since the number of buses and drivers will be reduced from seven to two, about 70% of the current costs can be redirected for other special education resources. A modest 3% increase has been added to both FY13 and FY14 as an estimated increase in fuel and maintenance. Student enrollment numbers will change; therefore, the costs for the upcoming three years are an estimate based on current enrollment in each district.

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<i>Combined Costs</i>	\$715,158	\$624,605	\$554,259	\$1,787,707	\$213,862	\$220,278	\$226,887	\$661,027

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Cost of Item	Requested from LGIF Grant	Matching ODE Funds	Total Costs
Transportation Routing Software and consultant for training. (\$10,000 per district x 7 districts)	\$70,000		\$70,000
Global Positioning System (GPS) equipment and interfacing software. (\$6,875 x 2 buses)	\$13,750		\$13,750
Customized buses to be used solely for transportation of special needs students.		\$191,860	\$191,860
	\$83,750	\$191,860	\$275,610

V. Supporting Documentation

The following table indicates the current enrollment numbers in each of the seven cooperative special education units located in Lawrence County.

Location of Unit	Type of Unit	Grade Levels Served	Number of Students Enrolled
Ironton City	Multiple Disabilities	7-12	18
Ironton City	Emotionally Disturbed	4-6	12
Rock Hill Local	Emotionally Disturbed	7-12	18
Rock Hill Local	Multiple Disabilities	4-6	16
Rock Hill Local	Multiple Disabilities	1-3	16
South Point Local	Emotionally Disturbed	K-3	12

People QuickFacts	Lawrence County	Ohio
Population, 2011 estimate	NA	11,544,951
Population, 2010	62,450	11,536,504
Population, percent change, 2000 to 2010	0.2%	1.6%
Population, 2000	62,319	11,353,140
Persons under 5 years, percent, 2010	6.2%	6.2%
Persons under 18 years, percent, 2010	23.5%	23.7%
Persons 65 years and over, percent, 2010	15.6%	14.1%
Female persons, percent, 2010	51.4%	51.2%

Source: US Census Bureau State & County QuickFacts

Resolutions of support, one from each school district, are included.

Please see separate submission of self-scoring assessment.



April 2, 2012

James Payne
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RE: Application Cure Letter

Dear James Payne:

The Ohio Department of Development (Development) has received and is currently reviewing your application for Round 1 of Local Government Innovation Fund program. During this review Development has determined that additional information is needed for your application. The identified item(s) requiring your attention are listed on the attached page(s). Please respond only to the issues raised. Failure to fully address all the identified items could lead to a competitive score reduction or ineligibility for Round 1 of the Local Government Innovation Fund program. **A written response from the applicant to this completeness review is due to Development no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 30, 2012.** Please send the response in a single email to lgif@development.ohio.gov and include "Cure—Project Name" in the subject line.

While this cure letter represents the additional information needed for Development review, the Local Government Innovation Council continues to reserve the right to request additional information about your application.

Thank you once again for your participation in Local Government Innovation program. Please contact the Office of Redevelopment at lgif@development.ohio.gov or 614-995-2292 if you have further questions regarding your application or the information requested in this letter.

Sincerely,

Thea J. Walsh, AICP
Deputy Chief, Office of Redevelopment
Ohio Department of Development

Local Government Innovation Fund Completeness Review

Applicant: Lawrence County Education Service Center
Project Name: The Lawrence County Student Transport Network
Request Type: Grant

Issues for Response

1. Budget

Please provide a line item budget that includes at minimum: 1) the sources of all funds being contributed to the project include **all** sources—cash, in-kind, etc.; 2) the uses of all funds (provide a line item for each use); 3) the total project costs (including the funding request **and** the local match. Please be sure that all uses of funds are eligible expenses as set forth in the program guidelines.

Example:

Collaboration Village’s Project Budget

Sources of Funds

LGIF Request	\$100,000
Match Contribution (10%)	\$ 11,111
Total	\$111,111

Uses of Funds

Consultant Fees for Study	\$111,111
Total	\$111,111

Total Project Cost: \$111,111

2. Partnership Agreements

Partnership agreements must be signed by all parties listed as collaborative partners. Please provide a partnership agreement that at minimum: 1) lists all collaborative partners; 2) lists the nature of the partnership; and 3) is signed by all parties. Please note, partnership agreements must be specific to the project for which funding is requested.

3. Population Information and Documentation

Please provide documentation supporting population information provided using the 2010 U.S. Census. To access census information, you may visit the following website <http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml>.

Local Government Innovation Fund Program

Application Score £ £

Lead Applicant	
Project Name	

	Grant Application
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	Loan Application
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Local Government Innovation Fund Project Scoring Sheet

Section 1: Financing Measures

Financing Measures	Description	Criteria	Max Points	Applicant Self Score	Validated Score
Financial Information	<i>Applicant includes financial information (i.e., service related operating budgets) for the most recent three years and the three year period following the project. The financial information must be directly related to the scope of the project and will be used as the cost basis for determining any savings resulting from the project.</i>	Applicant provides a thorough, detailed and complete financial information	5		
		Applicant provided more than minimum requirements but did not provide additional justification or support	3		
		Applicant provided minimal financial information	1		
		Points			
Repayment Structure (Loan Only)	<i>Applicant demonstrates a viable repayment source to support loan award. Secondary source can be in the form of a debt reserve, bank participation, a guarantee from a local entity, or other collateral (i.e., emergency rainy day , or contingency fund, etc.).</i>	Applicant clearly demonstrates a secondary repayment source.	5		
		Applicant does not have a secondary repayment source.	0		
		Points			
Local Match	<i>Percentage of local matching funds being contributed to the project. This may include in-kind contributions.</i>	70% or greater	5		
		40-69.99%	3		
		10-39.99%	1		
		Points			
Total Section Points					

Section 2: Collaborative Measures

Collaborative Measures	Description	Criteria	Max Points	Applicant Self Score	Validated Score
Population	<i>Applicant's population (or the population of the area(s) served) falls within one of the listed categories as determined by the U.S. Census Bureau. Population scoring will be determined by the smallest population listed in the application. Applications from (or collaborating with) small communities are preferred.</i>	Applicant (or collaborative partner) is not a county and has a population of less than 20,000 residents	5		
		Applicant (or collaborative partner) is a county but has less than 235,000	5		
		Applicant (or collaborative partner) is not a county but has a population 20,001 or greater.	3		
		Applicant (or collaborative partner) is a county with a population of 235,001 residents or more	3		
		Points			
Participating Entities	<i>Applicant has executed partnership agreements outlining all collaborative partners and participation agreements and has resolutions of support. (Note: Sole applicants only need to provide a resolution of support from its governing entity.)</i>	More than one applicant	5		
		Single applicant	1		
		Points			
Total Section Points					

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Section 3: Success Measures

Success Measures	Description	Criteria	Points	Applicant Self Score	Validated Score
Expected Return	<i>Applicant demonstrates as a percentage of savings (i.e., actual savings, increased revenue, or cost avoidance) an expected return. The return must be derived from the applicant's cost basis. The expected return is ranked in one of the following percentage categories:</i>	75% or greater	30		
		25.01% to 74.99%	20		
		Less than 25%	10		
			Points		
Past Success	<i>Applicant has successfully implemented, or is following project guidance from a shared services model, for an efficiency, shared service, coproduction or merger project in the past.</i>	Yes	5		
		No	0		
			Points		
Scalable/Replicable Proposal	<i>Applicant's proposal can be replicated by other local governments or scaled for the inclusion of other local governments.</i>	The project is both scalable and replicable	10		
		The project is either scalable or replicable	5		
		Does not apply	0		
			Points		
Probability of Success	<i>Applicant provides a documented need for the project and clearly outlines the likelihood of the need being met.</i>	Provided	5		
		Not Provided	0		
			Points		
Total Section Points					

Section 4: Significance Measures

Significance Measures	Description	Criteria	Points Assigned	Applicant Self Score	Validated Score
Performance Audit Implementation /Cost Benchmarking	<i>The project implements a single recommendation from a performance audit provided by the Auditor of State under Chapter 117 of the Ohio Revised Code or is informed by cost benchmarking.</i>	Project implements a recommendation from an audit or is informed by benchmarking	5		
		Project does not implement a recommendation from an audit and is not informed by benchmarking	0		
			Points		
Economic Impact	<i>Applicant demonstrates the project will a promote business environment (i.e., demonstrates a business relationship resulting from the project) and will provide for community attraction (i.e., cost avoidance with respect to taxes)</i>	Applicant clearly demonstrates economic impact	5		
		Applicant mentions but does not prove economic impact	3		
		Applicant does not demonstrate an economic impact	0		
			Points		
Response to Economic Demand	<i>The project responds to current substantial changes in economic demand for local or regional government services.</i>	Yes	5		
		No	0		
			Points		
Total Section Points					

Section 5: Council Measures			
Council Measures	Description	Criteria	Points Assigned
Council Preference	Council Ranking for Competitive Rounds	The Applicant Does Not Fill Out This Section; This is for the Local Government Innovation Fund Council only. The points for this section is based on the applicant demonstrating innovation or inventiveness with the project	
Total Section Points (10max)			

Scoring Summary			
		Applicant Self Score	Validated Score
Section 1: Financing Measures			
Section 2: Collaborative Measures			
Section 3: Success Measures			
Section 4: Significance Measures			
Total Base Points:			

Reviewer Comments

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Budget Summary	
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Match Contribution	\$ 191,860
Total Funding for Planning / Management	\$ 275,610
Uses of Funds	
Transportation Routing Software and Training	\$ 70,000
GPS equipment and interfacing software	\$ 6,875
Total Funds Requested	\$ 83,750

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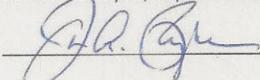
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All seven of Lawrence County's public school districts along with the Lawrence County Education Service Center constitute the partnership and agree to the following:

Lawrence County Education Service Center

The Lawrence County ESC will oversee the Countywide Transport Network. Dr. James Payne, the superintendent, will coordinate and serve as the lead manager of the project. The ESC will serve as the fiscal agent as well as serve as the direct contact, which includes completing the required reporting for the Ohio Department of Development.

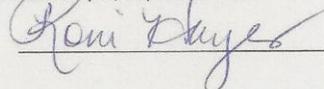
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February 14, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

The South Point Local Board of Education held its regular meeting on February 13, 2012 with the following members present: Mr. Blake, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Tyler, Mrs. Vance and Mr. York.

At that meeting, the Board passed the following resolution:

44-12 RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT: LAWRENCE COUNTY STUDENT
TRANSPORT NETWORK GRANT

Mr. Blake moved second by Mr. Roberts to pass a resolution of support for the Lawrence County Student Transport Network Grant to provide shared services for special education students.

The vote was: Mr. Blake, yea; Mr. Roberts, yea; Mrs. Tyler, yea; Mrs. Vance, yea; Mr. York, yea.
Motion carried

I, Tresa Baker, Treasurer of the South Point Local Board of Education, certify that the above is a true and accurate copy of the minute record for the regular Board meeting held February 13, 2012.

Tresa Baker
Tresa Baker, Treasurer

2/14/12
Date

Fairland School District

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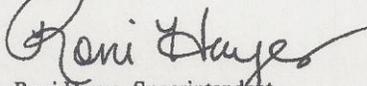
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To whom it may concern:

The Fairland Local Board of Education would like to take this opportunity to endorse and offer continued support the Lawrence County Education Service Center along with all of county school districts in their efforts to secure funds from the Local Government Innovation Fund.

The Local Government Innovation Fund will provide the resources needed for the Lawrence County Student Transport Network as we continue our quest to utilize shared services as a cost cutting measure. Utilization of the Local Government Innovation Fund will allow our county school districts in cooperation with the Lawrence County Education Service Center to provide quality transportation services in the most cost effective manner.

Sincerely,



Roni Hayes, Superintendent
Fairland Local School District

Chesapeake Union Exempted Village School District

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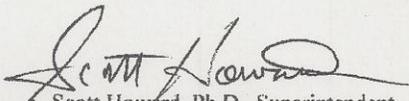
The Chesapeake Union Exempted Village School District Board of Education is pleased to partner with the Lawrence County Education Service Center and other local and city districts in pursuit of a Local Government Innovation Fund grant to study and implement changes that will improve the efficiency of county wide school district transportation.

On February 13, 2012, the Chesapeake Union Exempted Village School district Board of Education passed a resolution in support of this initiative.

Appalachian School districts face many challenges in transporting students to special classes located at different school districts throughout the county. Observations and preliminary investigations suggest that by working together sizeable financial resources could be saved and therefore reinvested in our classrooms.

In order to accomplish this goal of improving transportation efficiency we need assistance with studying the challenges which we are faced with in creating such a system and the proper technology to schedule and implement the system.

The Local Government Innovation Fund provides an excellent opportunity for all the districts in the county to collaborate to improve the efficiency of our transportation system.



Scott Howard, Ph.D., Superintendent,
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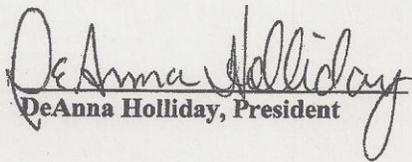
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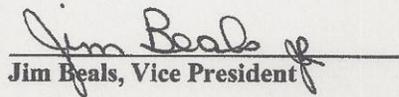
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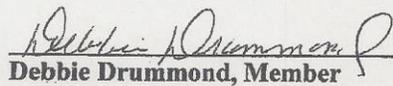
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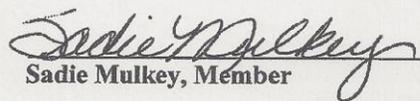
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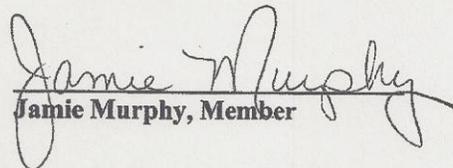
The Dawson-Bryant Board of Education supports the submission of the Lawrence County Student Transport Network innovative grant. This will be a cost-saving measure for our district in regards to the transportation of students in Lawrence County.

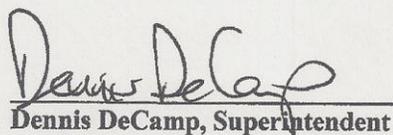

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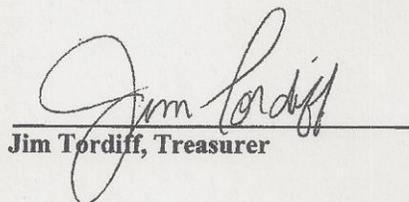

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Rock Hill Local School District

• Board Of Education •

To whom it may concern:

The Rock Hill Board of Education would like to take this opportunity to endorse and support the Lawrence County Education Service Center and all county school districts in their combined efforts to secure funds from the Local Government Innovation Fund.

The Local Government Innovation Fund will be of tremendous benefit to all schools as we look for opportunities to utilize shared services as a means of saving much needed financial resources.

Utilization of the Local Government Innovation Fun will help all stakeholders in this process to become more effective and efficient in our effort to provide quality services in a cost efficient manner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wes Hairston".

Wes Hairston, Superintendent

Rock Hill Local School District

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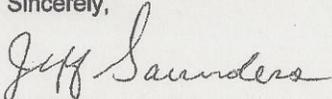
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02-15-2012

To Whom It May Concern,

As Superintendent of the Symmes Valley Local School District and a representative of the Board of Education, I am writing this letter in support of the Lawrence County Superintendents' grant proposal for the "Lawrence County Student Transport Network". It is extremely important in today's economical climate to share services where possible. This grant would allow the school districts of Lawrence County to cut cost in the area of special education transportation. I strongly urge anyone who can to support this grant and the pursuit of the Lawrence County Superintendents to cut cost in their districts.

Sincerely,



Jeff Saunders, Superintendent
Symmes Valley Local Schools

3. Population Information and Documentation

People Quick Facts	Lawrence County	Ohio
Population, 2010	62,450	11,536,504
Population, percent change, 2000 to 2010	0.2%	1.6%
Population, 2000	62,319	11,353,140
Persons under 5 years, percent, 2010	6.2%	6.2%
Persons under 18 years, percent, 2010	23.5%	23.7%
Persons 65 years and over, percent, 2010	15.6%	14.1%
Female persons, percent, 2010	51.4%	51.2%
Source: US Census Bureau State & County QuickFacts		

Note: Information from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Fact Finder regarding the population data for Lawrence County, Ohio begins on the next page.



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Profile of General Population and Housing Characteristics: 2010

2010 Census Summary File 2

NOTE: For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/doc/sf2.pdf>. Summary File 2 has a population threshold of 100. Data are available only for the population groups having a population of 100 or more of that specific group within a particular geographic area.

Geography: Lawrence County, Ohio
POPGROUP: Total population

Subject	Number	Percent
SEX AND AGE [1]		
Total population	62,450	100.0
Under 5 years	3,870	6.2
5 to 9 years	4,017	6.4
10 to 14 years	4,155	6.7
15 to 19 years	4,157	6.7
20 to 24 years	3,385	5.4
25 to 29 years	3,680	5.9
30 to 34 years	3,763	6.0
35 to 39 years	4,073	6.5
40 to 44 years	4,288	6.9
45 to 49 years	4,477	7.2
50 to 54 years	4,681	7.5
55 to 59 years	4,316	6.9
60 to 64 years	3,871	6.2
65 to 69 years	3,104	5.0
70 to 74 years	2,477	4.0
75 to 79 years	1,723	2.8
80 to 84 years	1,385	2.2
85 years and over	1,028	1.6
Median age (years)	40.1	(X)
16 years and over	49,541	79.3
18 years and over	47,801	76.5
21 years and over	45,524	72.9
62 years and over	11,984	19.2
65 years and over	9,717	15.6
Male population	30,361	48.6
Under 5 years	1,991	3.2
5 to 9 years	2,089	3.3
10 to 14 years	2,158	3.5
15 to 19 years	2,126	3.4
20 to 24 years	1,692	2.7
25 to 29 years	1,763	2.8
30 to 34 years	1,808	2.9
35 to 39 years	2,001	3.2
40 to 44 years	2,148	3.4
45 to 49 years	2,147	3.4
50 to 54 years	2,269	3.6
55 to 59 years	2,074	3.3
60 to 64 years	1,857	3.0
65 to 69 years	1,460	2.3
70 to 74 years	1,157	1.9
75 to 79 years	740	1.2

Subject	Number	Percent
80 to 84 years	546	0.9
85 years and over	335	0.5
Median age (years)	39.0	(X)
16 years and over	23,702	38.0
18 years and over	22,790	36.5
21 years and over	21,607	34.6
62 years and over	5,296	8.5
65 years and over	4,238	6.8
Female population	32,089	51.4
Under 5 years	1,879	3.0
5 to 9 years	1,928	3.1
10 to 14 years	1,997	3.2
15 to 19 years	2,031	3.3
20 to 24 years	1,693	2.7
25 to 29 years	1,917	3.1
30 to 34 years	1,955	3.1
35 to 39 years	2,072	3.3
40 to 44 years	2,140	3.4
45 to 49 years	2,330	3.7
50 to 54 years	2,412	3.9
55 to 59 years	2,242	3.6
60 to 64 years	2,014	3.2
65 to 69 years	1,644	2.6
70 to 74 years	1,320	2.1
75 to 79 years	983	1.6
80 to 84 years	839	1.3
85 years and over	693	1.1
Median age (years)	41.3	(X)
16 years and over	25,839	41.4
18 years and over	25,011	40.0
21 years and over	23,917	38.3
62 years and over	6,688	10.7
65 years and over	5,479	8.8
RELATIONSHIP [1]		
Total population	62,450	100.0
In households	61,781	98.9
Householder	24,974	40.0
Spouse [2]	12,748	20.4
Child	17,502	28.0
Own child under 18 years	12,408	19.9
Other relatives	3,726	6.0
Under 18 years	1,842	2.9
65 years and over	413	0.7
Nonrelatives	2,831	4.5
Under 18 years	341	0.5
65 years and over	124	0.2
Unmarried partner	1,608	2.6
In group quarters	669	1.1
Institutionalized population	584	0.9
Male	266	0.4
Female	318	0.5
Noninstitutionalized population	85	0.1
Male	47	0.1
Female	38	0.1
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE [3]		
Total households	24,974	100.0
Family households (families) [4]	17,405	69.7
With own children under 18 years	7,059	28.3
Husband-wife family	12,748	51.0
With own children under 18 years	4,621	18.5

Subject	Number	Percent
Male householder, no wife present	1,368	5.5
With own children under 18 years	708	2.8
Female householder, no husband present	3,289	13.2
With own children under 18 years	1,730	6.9
Nonfamily households [4]	7,569	30.3
Householder living alone	6,525	26.1
Male	2,767	11.1
65 years and over	826	3.3
Female	3,758	15.0
65 years and over	1,988	8.0
Households with individuals under 18 years	8,218	32.9
Households with individuals 65 years and over	7,040	28.2
Average household size	2.47	(X)
Average family size	2.95	(X)
HOUSING TENURE [3]		
Occupied housing units	24,974	100.0
Owner-occupied housing units	18,091	72.4
Population in owner-occupied housing units	45,417	(X)
Average household size of owner-occupied units	2.51	(X)
Renter-occupied housing units	6,883	27.6
Population in renter-occupied housing units	16,364	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied units	2.38	(X)

X Not applicable.

[1] When a category other than Total Population is selected, all persons in the household are classified by the race, Hispanic or Latino origin, or tribe/tribal grouping of the person.

[2] "Spouse" represents spouse of the householder. It does not reflect all spouses in a household. Responses of "same-sex spouse" were edited during processing to "unmarried partner."

[3] When a category other than Total Population is selected, all persons in the household are classified by the race, Hispanic or Latino origin, or tribe/tribal grouping of the householder.

[4] "Family households" consist of a householder and one or more other people related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption. They do not include same-sex married couples even if the marriage was performed in a state issuing marriage certificates for same-sex couples. Same-sex couple households are included in the family households category if there is at least one additional person related to the householder by birth or adoption. Same-sex couple households with no relatives of the householder present are tabulated in nonfamily households. "Nonfamily households" consist of people living alone and households which do not have any members related to the householder.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census.

Summary File 2, Tables PCT3, PCT4, PCT7, PCT9, PCT10, PCT15, PCT18, PCT22, PCT24, PCT28, PCT31, PCT32, PCT36, PCT37, PCT39, HCT2, HCT4, HCT5, and HCT7.