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To Whom It May Concern:

We support the Five Star Program for Cleveland School. Justin Maust has proposed a program for the 2006-2007 school year that is both exciting and needed at Cleveland Elementary School. His program, promoting a goal in students' lives, is desired by Cleveland's staff. Our student population consisting of over 50% free and reduced lunch is an indicator that our children may not have what is necessary to develop into productive adults. Many parents are working extra jobs to support their families. At times students are left to their own resources for developing support systems. We would like to provide a positive support system here at Cleveland, and we think Justin is definitely on the right track with his Five Star Program.

Programs that discourage students from participating in harmful activities are informative, but we feel that Justin's program, giving a child a goal and working towards it, forms a stronger, on-going, and further reaching strategy to handle the world in which our children will live.

The Five Star Program is an exciting way to create the concept of children living with a purpose at early ages. Many times we see our students mentally disheartened and physically depressed. The Five Star Program would provide an internal defense for children struggling in a trying environment. No one can take that away from them.

Hopefully our corporation will be open to the idea that children need an internal support strategy that will hopefully get them through tough times and help them reach their goal of becoming productive, positive, strong adults.

Sincerely,

Martha Strickler (Principal)

Faith Schultz (Assistant Principal)