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To Whom It May Concern:

The "Leader In Me" can be the engine which drives the students in the Warren County and Bowling Green Independent school districts to a different level of learning and understanding. Our school districts are two of the best in Kentucky and beyond. That means that our districts are better positioned than most any other school districts to use the "Leader In Me" to integrate innovative goal setting, collaboration, planning and individual achievement into the high quality academic instruction our students already receive.

Through our study of the "Leader In Me", our on site visits to schools across the country, and our results from preliminary introduction of the program in some of our schools, we know that the results of an implementation district wide would set our schools, our community and our families apart from others anywhere. Through the program our students will learn to plan for success; start with quality ends in mind; learn that in every activity there can be benefits for all as a result of group success; and that personal responsibility is the key to achievement and a fulfilling life in school and beyond.

The program will enable our students, beginning at the earliest levels of education, make the connection between learning at school and its application to a successful home life, a successful career and the importance of being part of a community. From an economic development perspective, I cannot imagine a more attractive draw for business than to find a community which produces not only strong students academically, but also produces those same students equipped with an understanding of how to transfer academic knowledge to practical individual and team success.

We know, in the short term, that we will see the number of discipline referrals in our schools decrease allowing more quality instruction. We know that our parents will have even greater satisfaction with our efforts to educate their children and to prepare them for life beyond the school halls and classrooms. We know, in the long term, that we will not just produce better students, but will also produce better citizens. We know this because we have studied and tested the "Leader In Me".

But, our schools have financial mandates from state and federal governments, which we heartily embrace and pursue with passion, but they do place limits on what on available resources to change cultures of learning in our schools. That is why we need the help of the private sector to successfully implement the "Leader In Me" for every child in our districts. A public/private partnership in our schools for full implementation of the "Leader In Me" will change our community and make us even more the envy of others. Our combined commitment and efforts in this cutting edge venture could catapult our community past so many others in so many important ways. We should not wait for others to tell us what is possible in and through education. Our community's history of leading should continue with the exciting possibilities found in the "Leader In Me". I encourage you to consider joining us in our quest for even greater schools and a more successful community.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Murley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "T" that loops back under the first few letters.

Mr. Tim Murley
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