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To Whom It May Concern,

It is with great enthusiasm that Boone County Schools request to join the Kennedy Center's Partners in Education program alongside The Carnegie and Kenton County Schools.

As the third largest district in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Boone County Schools are committed to nearly 21,000 students divided among 21 schools. Our district takes pride in our mission of Achieving Excellence Together. With a rich history of high achievements, quality teaching and efficient operations, we are able to set high expectations within a supportive atmosphere, provide real world relevance, and help prepare today's students for tomorrow's world.

This partnership will benefit our teachers and students by providing a network of arts peers who share the same goals, concerns, and challenges. The Kennedy Center can connect members to like-minded colleagues. Collaboration between districts and community arts organizations strengthen learning for all students in the schools.

Boone County Schools have collaborated with The Carnegie and Kenton County Schools for years. Some of the valuable experiences and collaborations include:

- In 2016, as members of the Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Education Services, we initiated and developed a Professional Learning Community for Arts teachers in Northern Kentucky which led to planning and implementing, Be Inspired EdCamp, a day of professional development for Arts and Physical Education teachers in Northern Kentucky.
- Many of our students and classroom teachers have participated in The Carnegie's outstanding, hands-on workshops that integrate the arts with other subjects. The Carnegie's dedication to strengthening student creativity, courage, communication, and ultimate success is evident in the number of relationships they have developed with school systems and organizations in the region, not to mention their growing number of student contact hours reaching over 50,000 in 2016/2017.

We look forward to exploring new ways to collaborate through this partnership and strengthen our arts resources.

We understand that by joining the Kennedy Center's Partners in Education program, Boone County Schools are agreeing to partner with The Carnegie and Kenton County Schools to promote teachers' professional learning so that the arts are a part of every student's learning.

Boone County Schools are prepared to commit to the following yearly responsibilities in order to be in "good standing" with the Kennedy Center's Partners in Education program.

- Attend 3 out of every 5 annual meetings.
- Submit a Partnership Agreement Update (by May 1) (Form provided by the Kennedy Center).
- Submit an Annual Report Form (by July 1) (Form provided by the Kennedy Center).
- Submit annual program dues of \$500 per Partnership Team. This cost will be divided equally between the partners.

- Conduct an assessment of teachers' professional learning needs.

Jim Detwiler, Chief Academic Officer / Deputy Superintendent, will represent Boone County Schools in this partnership, as he is responsible for the direction and oversight of all academic programming in the district. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Randy Poe, Ed.D.
Superintendent