M E M O R A N D U M

**TO: RANDY POE, SUPERINTENDENT**

 **BONNIE RICKERT, CHAIRPERSON**

 **BOARD MEMBERS**

**FROM: KATHLEEN G. REUTMAN**

**DATE: APRIL 4, 2018**

**RE: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN THE BOONE COUNTY ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS AND THE S.M.A.R.T. DOG SCHOOL**

The Boone County Alternative Programs has started the “Every Dog Everywhere Initiative”. The mission statement if: Boone County students helping to give dogs a second chance through professional dog training and care. A professional Dog trainer from S.M.A.R.T Dog will work with ACE teachers to gain the knowledge and skills to become certified dog trainers. The teachers will then teach the students the effective tools to become certified. They then will complete the certification process through an apprenticeship with the S.M.A.R.T. Dog School. S.M.A.R.T. credentials include obedience training, therapy dog, rescue, foster, and pound dogs and dog care certifications.

 The S.M.A.R.T Dog school is a local small business interested in teaching our students in a fun, creative way while increasing student responsibility and encouraging future job opportunities,

 I have attached a signed copy of the Memorandum of understanding for your reference.

 ***I recommend the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Smart Dog School, as presented***