December 5, 2023

WHAS Crusade for Children, Inc. 520 W. Chestnut Street Louisville, KY 40202

Dear Crusade for Children Panel:

The Oldham County Board of Education supports the 2024-2025 WHAS Crusade for Children Grant Application for \$98,691 and agree to maintain any items purchased with WHAS grant funds. We would also like to thank the Crusade panel for their kind consideration of the enclosed proposal. The items will be used specifically for students with disabilities, ages 3-21, served in the Oldham County Schools.

The Oldham County Schools serve 1692 students with disabilities. Given district growth and parent selection of our school district, a disproportionate number of students have comprehensive disabilities requiring specialty services for medical needs, behavioral needs, and instructional needs. The school district struggles to fund the personnel required to serve students with disabilities AND purchase the specialized equipment, materials, technology, and training needed for our students with disabilities. Federal, state, and local funding allocation is <u>not</u> sufficient to meet the needs of our students with disabilities. Thus, funding of the WHAS Crusade for Children Grant is critical for the students with disabilities in Oldham County. Thank you for your thoughtful review and consideration of our grant.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jason Radford, Superintendent

Suzanne Hundley, OCBE Chairperson