

# **Proposal for Establishment of Bee Hives on School Campus**

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**Subject:** Approval for the Implementation of a Beekeeping Project at Allen County-Scottsville High School

## **Project Overview**

The Agriculture Department at Allen County-Scottsville High School is seeking approval from the Board of Education to establish bee hives on school property as an educational initiative in collaboration with local beekeeper Mr. Rick Roberts. This project will provide students with hands-on learning experiences related to pollination, horticulture, and beekeeping practices.

## **Background and Support**

A generous widow has donated her late husband's beekeeping equipment and materials for a hive, offering a unique opportunity to introduce students to sustainable agriculture and pollinator education. In Fall 2024, horticulture students will study bee pollination, reinforcing their understanding of pollinators' critical role in agricultural production. Mr. Roberts has volunteered his expertise to assist Mrs. Towe in launching and maintaining this project.

## **Project Goals and Implementation**

- **Education:** Students will gain firsthand knowledge of beekeeping, pollination, and honey production.
- **Sustainability:** The project supports local pollinators and enhances horticultural studies.
- **Community Engagement:** Future plans include harvesting and selling "Patriot Honey," fostering entrepreneurship and school spirit.

## **Hive Placement and Safety Considerations**

The bee hives will be placed in a designated area on the school campus, strategically positioned away from high-traffic zones and public gathering spaces to ensure safety for students, faculty, and visitors. The site selection process will consider factors such as accessibility for hive maintenance, environmental suitability, and distance from main school activities.

## **Request for Approval**

We kindly request the Board of Education's approval to proceed with this beekeeping project. This initiative aligns with our commitment to experiential learning in agriculture while promoting environmental awareness and sustainability.

We appreciate your time and consideration of this request and look forward to your support in making this project a reality.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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