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April 9, 2015

Mrs. Cindy Gates
Principal
Choctawhatchee High School
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Dear Mrs. Gates:

It is my honor to support the Choctawhatchee High School proposal to provide additional resources to increase opportunities for college and career readiness for our area students. With a vision to providing resources to develop our region's workforce through industry certifications and college readiness, it is crucial that we support and expand the available programs of study.

We endorse the proposed Choctawhatchee High School program that will be geared to the Engineering, Aerospace, and Science Departments reaching over 400 students on a daily basis. Choctawhatchee High School currently provides career and college readiness opportunities, but this proposed program will allow for increased percentages and overall achievement of industry certifications, college credits, while building community connections and involvement. A connection between the Choctawhatchee High School programs of study and local industrial and agricultural occupational fields will be established through the development of this project.

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This new Choctawhatchee High School opportunity is very exciting for interested Engineering, Aerospace, and Science students and we support the proposed funding and implementation. Please contact me if I can answer any questions or provide additional information.

Sincerely,

Paul Hsu

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Security Communications & Control Systems

April 9, 2015

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Dear Mrs. Gates:

GSC Systems is pleased to support Choctawhatchee High School's efforts to provide additional resources to increase opportunities for college and career readiness for students. Increasing participation, awareness of STEM education, and the school's capacities to provide opportunities for workforce development through industry certifications and college readiness is essential to the future success of our community. We believe that programs like these are crucial to the success of our state and nation.

GSC Systems' endorses the proposed Choctawhatchee High School program that will be geared to the Engineering, Aerospace, and Science Departments. We have experienced the effects of the shortage of technical skills in our community in sustaining our own workforce. Though GSC Systems is a company with less than 25 employees, we have served the Northwest Florida region for over 43 years, and have employed hundreds of people during that time. Because we design, install, service and monitor custom electronic systems for military, commercial, industrial and residential facilities, many of the skills and certifications your program will offer are necessary to be successful in our industry.

The proposed program, serving the targeted student population, will mirror the current model of providing industry certification and dual enrollment college credits, which is of great value to our community's workforce. When a workforce becomes more employable, the community can attract companies that pay higher wages, which results in a better community and better opportunities for all involved.

We are excited about this new Choctawhatchee High School opportunity for students interested in Engineering, Aerospace, and Science and offer our continued support for the proposed funding and the implementation.

Please contact me if I can answer any questions or provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

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April 13, 2015

Mrs. Cindy Gates, Principal
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Dear Mrs. Gates:

CareerSource Okaloosa Walton is pleased to support the Choctawhatchee High School ORAC proposal. Our understanding is that proposal funding will provide additional resources for increased opportunities for college and career readiness to Choctawhatchee High School student population. We are excited the Choctawhatchee High School ORAC grant proposal that will increase the student participation and the school's capacities to provide expanded opportunities for workforce development through industry certifications and college readiness, which is critical to the business community. We are proud of our long-standing professional relationship with Choctawhatchee High and look forward to our expanded partnership with the implementation and performance outcomes of the ORAC grant opportunity.

We endorse the proposed Choctawhatchee High School program that will be geared to the Engineering, Aerospace, and Science Departments that now reaches to over 400 students on a daily basis. Choctawhatchee High School currently provides career and college readiness opportunities, but this proposed program will allow for increased percentages and overall achievement of industry certifications, college credits, while building community connections and involvement. The connection between the Choctawhatchee High School programs of study and local industrial and agricultural occupational fields will be broaden through the development of this project. Principal Gates, Choctawhatchee High School with your continued leadership should be proud of the past successes while looking forward to expand future career education opportunities.

Our understanding is that through the activities of the proposed program, Choctawhatchee High School will provide to the target student population applicable workforce and college ready skills and certifications such as AutoCAD, Autodesk Inventor, and SolidWorks certifications; 3D Modeling and Printing skills; development of a UAS certification; connections to local agriculture for UAS applications, and the earning of college credits through AP coursework and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Worldwide dual enrollment courses. The proposed program, serving the targeted student population, will mirror the current model of providing industry certification and dual enrollment college credit.

We are excited about this new Choctawhatchee High School opportunity and offer our support for the proposed funding and the implementation. Please contact me if I can answer any questions or provide additional information.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mrs. Gates,

Please accept this letter as a statement of support for Choctawhatchee High School's proposal to provide additional resources to increase opportunities for college and career readiness for your students. As a manufacturing employer in Florida, L-3 Crestview Aerospace (CA) recognizes the need for advanced manufacturing training focusing on aerospace. Many large aerospace firms and small business suppliers are located in close proximity to one of the largest air force bases in the world, Eglin Air Force Base. Our continued growth and success depends greatly on our ability to hire smart, technical workers.

L-3 CA and our suppliers require innovative workers. Well-trained, skilled and educated people enable us to compete successfully in the global aerospace marketplace. L-3 CA is focused on bringing new business to the local area in an effort to continue to grow and provide a variety of services. We are diligently working many different angles of the aerospace industry. This would include your high school's proposed program which will allow for increased percentages and overall achievement of industry certifications, college credits, while building community connection and involvement.

Through the activities of the proposed program, Choctawhatchee High School will provide to the target student population applicable workforce and college ready skills and certifications such as AutoCAD, Autodesk Inventor, and SolidWorks certification; 3D Modeling and Printing skills; and development of a UAS certification.

We are extremely excited about this new Choctawhatchee High School opportunity for the interested Engineering, Aerospace, and Science students. It is our pleasure to lend our support to this program.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mrs. Gates:

J & P Khamken Industries is pleased to support the Choctawhatchee High School proposal to provide additional resources to increase opportunities for college and career readiness for our students. Increasing participation and the school's capacities to provide more opportunities for workforce development through industry certifications and college readiness is a crucial component of our school's program of study.

We endorse the proposed Choctawhatchee High School program that will be geared to the Engineering, Aerospace, and Science Departments that reach over 400 students on a daily basis. Choctawhatchee High School currently provides career and college readiness opportunities, but this proposed program will allow for increased percentages and overall achievement of industry certifications, college credits, while building community connections and involvement. A connection between the Choctawhatchee High School programs of study and local industrial and agricultural occupational fields will be established through the development of this project. This connection will allow for increased workforce and college ready students.

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We are excited about this new Choctawhatchee High School opportunity for the interested Engineering, Aerospace, and Science students and offer our support for the proposed funding and the implementation.

Please contact me if I can answer any questions or provide additional information.

Sincerely,

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10 April 2015

Dear Cindy

I am pleased to offer my support to Choctawhatchee High School's proposal to provide additional resources to increase opportunities for college and career readiness for our students. I fully endorse your quest for this new Choctawhatchee High School opportunity for the interested Engineering, Aerospace, and Science students.

As you know, as a former instructor with your Embry Riddle sponsored Aviation CHOICE program, I experienced first-hand the value of increasing participation and the school's capacities to provide more opportunities for workforce development through industry certifications and college readiness.

I am especially excited about your work with work force and college ready skill certifications in the Unmanned Aerial Systems and its connection to potential precision agriculture missions. As we speak, my Cubic operation is leading an industry/government consortium in this exciting field. And I can tell you without questions, the high quality technical jobs are there today for those who bring the right skill sets.

Cubic has a sustained and in-depth interest in supporting technical initiatives like yours all over the country and I will be happy to offer my assistance to your efforts with our corporate program. I wholeheartedly endorse the proposed Choctawhatchee High School program geared to the Engineering, Aerospace, and Science Departments to reach over 400 students on a daily basis.

My contact information is below, look forward to seeing how we can assist.

Warm regards,

Jazz

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April 9, 2015

Mrs. Cindy Gates
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Dear Mrs. Gates:

Lockheed Martin Corporation is pleased to support the Choctawhatchee High School proposal to provide additional STEM resources to increase opportunities for college and career readiness for your students. The more participation Choctaw can encourage the better. We recognize that STEM education is crucial to providing a quality workforce for the community and a path for successful careers for your students

We endorse the proposed Choctawhatchee High School program that will be geared to the Engineering, Aerospace, and Science Departments. Lockheed Martin is the largest Aerospace company in the world. We recognize the crucial shortage of young engineers and scientists and we are very interested in supporting any programs that will provide valuable STEM training to encourage more students to pursue careers in science and technology. We at Lockheed Martin recognize the growing shortfall of qualified graduates from the science core. In fact, for the foreseeable future **we plan to hire 5% of all the eligible science and technology College and University graduates in the United States**. Your proposed program will allow for increased percentages and overall achievement of industry certifications, college credits, while building community connections and involvement. We would be pleased to work with you to strengthen the connection between the Choctawhatchee High School programs and our company.

We encourage you to continue to provide college ready skills and certifications to your students. We firmly believe that the earning of college credits through AP coursework and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Worldwide dual enrollment courses will provide great value to aerospace companies like ours.

As a 1981 Choctawhatchee High School graduate, I am extremely excited about this new opportunity for your Engineering, Aerospace, and Science students and offer Lockheed Martin's strong support for the proposed funding and implementation.

Please contact me if I can answer any questions or provide additional information.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mrs. Gates:

We are pleased to support the Choctawhatchee High School proposal to provide additional resources to increase opportunities for college and career readiness for our students. Increasing participation and the school's capacities to provide more opportunities for workforce development through industry certifications and college readiness is a crucial component of our school's program of study.

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We are excited about this new Choctawhatchee High School opportunity for the interested Engineering, Aerospace, and Science students and offer our support for the proposed funding and the implementation.

Please contact me if I can answer any questions or provide additional information.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mrs. Gates:

We are pleased to support Choctawhatchee High School's proposal to provide additional resources to increase opportunities for college and career readiness for our students. A crucial component of our school's program of study is increasing participation and the school's capacities to provide more opportunities for workforce development through industry certifications and college readiness.

We endorse the proposed Choctawhatchee High School program that will be geared to the Engineering, Aerospace, and Science Departments that reach over 400 students on a daily basis. This proposed program will allow for a connection between the Choctawhatchee High School programs of study and local industrial occupational fields, and will ultimately lead to increased workforce and college ready students, which is important to us.

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We are excited about this new Choctawhatchee High School opportunity for the interested Engineering, Aerospace, and Science students and offer our support for the proposed funding and the implementation.

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Sincerely,

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Choctawhatchee High School
Attn: Principal, Mrs. Cindy Gates
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Sincerely,

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We are excited about this new Choctawhatchee High School opportunity for the interested Engineering, Aerospace, and Science students and offer our support for the proposed funding and the implementation.

Please contact me if I can answer any questions or provide additional information.

Sincerely,

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We are excited about this new Choctawhatchee High School opportunity for the interested Engineering, Aerospace, and Science students and offer our support for the proposed funding and the implementation. Please contact me if I can answer any questions or provide additional information.

Sincerely,

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Historically, Bit-Wizards has supported the local community by investing in various charity events, and educational opportunities to help further the general awareness and support of STEM education. Bit-Wizards is a local technology firm that has chosen to keep technology jobs in the local area thus continuing to foster the local economy and support for STEM in our area. We also hire interns and recent college graduates from our local community to help build our workforce on an annual basis. We are in support of proposed program that will only aid in the further development of our community and students.

Sincerely,

Candace Mitchell

Candace R. Mitchell
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April 13, 2015

Mrs. Cindy Gates
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Dear Mrs. Gates:

University of West Florida Emerald Coast is pleased to support the Choctawhatchee High School proposal to provide additional resources to increase opportunities for college and career readiness for our students. Increasing participation and the school's capacities to provide more opportunities for workforce development through industry certifications and college readiness is a crucial component of our University's program of study.

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We are excited about this new Choctawhatchee High School opportunity for the interested Engineering, Aerospace, and Science students and offer our support for the proposed funding and the implementation. Please contact me if I can answer any questions or provide additional information.

Sincerely,

Susan A. Shaw

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Executive Director UWF Emerald Coast

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Sincerely,

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I am excited about the opportunity proposed for CHS students to have additional education in engineering and aerospace before graduating from high school. I am equally thrilled by the connections among faculty and industry. For these reasons, I offer my support for the proposed funding and the implementation.

Warm regards,

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