



March 23, 2020

Warren Local Schools
% Kyle Newton, Superintendent
220 Sweetapple Road
Vincent, Ohio 45784

RE: Letter of Interest - Repurposing of the Little Hocking School Property

Mr. Newton:

Per our earlier conversation regarding this matter, I am writing to formally express our organization's interest in partnering with Warren Local Schools and other vested stakeholders to explore options that repurpose the above-captioned site in a manner that puts it to its highest and best use.

The mission of the Southeastern Ohio Port Authority (SeOPA) centers around collaborative, innovative partnerships that support a growing and vibrant economy. One of the primary mechanisms for our work is the redevelopment of sites and the Little Hocking site presents a once in a lifetime opportunity for our respective organizations to collaborate on a mutually beneficial outcome for all involved. By finding a solution that puts the site to its highest and best use for each stakeholder, we have the potential to increase the tax base for both the district and the county, while preserving a community asset, potentially creating jobs, and providing the fire department the opportunity to construct a new firehouse.

I believe this site has the potential to deliver a variety of viable solutions and I am committed to supporting this endeavor via education and effort on behalf of SeOPA and the greater good of Washington County. My hope is that the district agrees with the magnitude of the opportunity and that the Board of Education will support and endorse a community conversation to this effect.

I look forward to hearing from you accordingly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.C. Roush".

Jesse C. Roush
Executive Director