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March 17, 2015

Mrs. Jennifer Kuns, President
Galion City School District
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470 Portland Way N
Galion, Ohio 44833

Charlene G. Parkinson
Treasurer

Dear Mrs. Kuns,

Please see attached correspondence from The Galion Community Foundation and Articles of Incorporation of the Martha C. Wheatcraft Presidential Fund, Inc.

Sandra K. Powell, Ed. D.
Director of Curriculum,
Instruction & Federal Grants

The Wheatcraft Presidential Fund was intended to defray the expenses of a Galion High School Senior to attend Presidential Classroom Workshops held annually in Washington, DC. According to Mr. Bill Stepro, Galion has not sent a student to these classroom workshops for over 15 years.

An excerpt from the Articles of Incorporation state:

Should the Board of Education of the Galion Schools decide to eliminate the program, all funds then remaining shall be paid over to the Galion Foundation, and the Corporation shall therefrom be dissolved.

I recommend the Galion CSD Board of Education eliminate the Presidential Classroom Workshops experience from the District's approved co-curricular activities.

Sincerely,

Charlene Parkinson
Treasurer

THE GALION COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

135 HARDING WAY WEST

GALION, OHIO 44833

419-468-6300

June 18, 2010

Galion City Schools
ATTN: Linda M. Kidwell
470 Portland Way North
Galion, Ohio 44833

RE: Wheatcraft Presidential Fund

Dear Mrs. Kidwell:

Thank you for your letter of May 20, 2010 returning the Foundation's check #0372526 regarding the Wheatcraft Presidential Fund. We are returning that check to the trust company to be credited back to the Wheatcraft Presidential Fund.

The founding document of this fund specifically provided that it was to be used solely for the tuition, room and board, and miscellaneous expenses for attendance at the Annual Presidential Classroom Workshop in Washington D.C. Awards were to be made by the scholarship committee of The Galion Community Foundation. However, typically in the past we have always taken the recommendations from the school regarding the students who are attending.

The founding document for this fund also specifically provided that "Should the Board of Education of the Galion Schools decide to eliminate the program, all funds then remaining should be paid over to The Galion Foundation, and the Corporation shall therefrom be dissolved." The Corporation for the Martha C. Wheatcraft Presidential Classroom Fund was previously dissolved and the fund was liquidated and sent to The Galion Community Foundation, and the Foundation accepted it and has been administering the fund under the same conditions as were originally set up. However, neither our board, nor any individual on our board, has the authority to change the specific purpose of the fund, which is to help send a Galion student to Washington for the Presidential Classroom meeting.

We understand that no student from Galion attended that meeting this year, so therefore these funds are being transferred back to the principal of this fund. In event the Board of Education of Galion Schools should decide to eliminate the program, then we would need to be advised of that. Otherwise, we will continue to hold this fund and when a student is

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being sent to Washington, we will provide the net income from the fund to assist in that expense.

Hopefully this clarifies any confusion that may have existed regarding this fund. If you have any questions, certainly please feel free to give either myself, Dan Shealy, or Dave Spraw a call. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Erlsten", written in a cursive style.

Steven J. Erlsten,
Treasurer

SJE/cm

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
THE MARTHA C. WHEATCRAFT PRESIDENTIAL CLASSROOM FUND, INC.

The undersigned, all of whom are citizens of the United States of America, Desiring to form a non-profit corporation under the Non-Profit Corporation Laws of the State of Ohio, do hereby certify:

FIRST: The name of the Corporation shall be The Martha C. Wheatcraft Presidential Classroom Fund, Inc.

SECOND: The place in this State where the principal office of the Corporation is to be located is in the City of Galion, County of Crawford and State of Ohio.

THIRD: The purpose or purposes of said Corporation are: to honor and perpetuate the memory of Martha C. Wheatcraft, late a resident of the City of Galion, Ohio, who was an outstanding citizen of said City and who was a leader in civic, political and governmental affairs of her community and of the State of Ohio, by the establishment of this Fund which shall operate to receive gifts, devises and bequests from any person, firm, trust or corporation, the funds of which shall be used for providing grants to Senior students of Galion High School to assist in defraying their expenses in attendance at the Presidential Classroom Workshops held annually, in the City of Washington, D.C. To stimulate interest and participation in political and governmental affairs on the part of students of Galion High School. To adopt a Code of Regulations which shall provide the manner in which recipients of the Grants will be chosen, the establishing of a Board of Trustees and Selection Committee and set forth such other rules governing the organization as may be necessary in order to implement its purposes.

The Principal of Galion Senior High School shall insure that application forms are made available to all interested students with ample time for such applications to be filed prior to the deadline for receiving such applications. The Principal of Galion Senior High School shall serve as Co-Ordinator of the Selection Committee and be responsible for distribution of necessary materials to the Committee and the setting of times and dates for applications to be received.

ARTICLE NINE - AMENDMENTS:

These Regulations may be amended at any meeting of the Board of Trustees by a majority vote thereof.

ARTICLE TEN - DISSOLUTION

In the event the fund decreases to \$500.00 or less, whatever is remaining shall constitute the total award for the year, and the Trustees shall proceed to dissolve the Corporation. Should the Board of Education of the Galion Schools decide to eliminate the program, all funds then remaining shall be paid over to The Galion Foundation, and the Corporation shall therefrom be dissolved.