

Project GRAD Akron

WHEREAS, Project GRAD (Graduation Really Achieves Dreams) Akron is a community based nonprofit education organization established in 2002 aimed at improving the academic achievement of students in the Buchtel High School Cluster of the Akron Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Project GRAD Akron is one of twelve affiliate sites of Project GRAD USA, which is headquartered in Houston, Texas and was founded by former Tenneco Chairman and CEO, James Ketelsen in 1988 to ensure a quality public school education for all at risk children in economically disadvantaged communities so that high school graduation rates increase and graduates are prepared to enter and be successful in college; and

WHEREAS, a major goal of Project GRAD Akron is to redefine student achievement so that ultimately 80% of students graduate from high school, 50% of those graduates attend college, and 70% of those students earn their college degrees; and

WHEREAS, since 2002, Project GRAD Akron has provided research-based support in the areas of math, literacy, classroom management and discipline, social services, college awareness, and college readiness, to benefit all students at Buchtel High School, Perkins Middle School, and Crouse, Rankin and Schumacher Elementary Schools; and

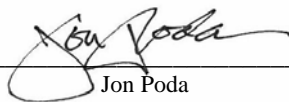
WHEREAS, Project GRAD Akron has successfully formed partnerships with several local businesses, corporations, organizations and individuals, raising funds to award approximately \$800,000.00 in scholarships to 205 Buchtel High School seniors who have successfully fulfilled the requirements of the rigorous Project GRAD Akron Learning Contract since 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known by all and declared by the Council of the County of Summit, State of Ohio that this Council recognizes the vital contribution that Project GRAD Akron has made for students and families in this community.

We urge all citizens to join in honoring Project GRAD Akron on this 18th day of October in the year 2010, and encourage them on their continued commitment to high school graduation and post secondary education.



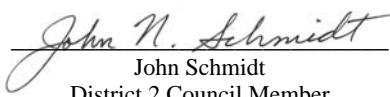
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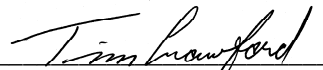
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