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Superintendent*

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Erica Goodman  
United States Golf Association  
Grant Initiative and Fellowship  
USGA Fellow, Northeast Region  
1631 Mesa Avenue, Copper Building  
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80906

Dear Ms. Goodman:

As Superintendent of the Buffalo Public Schools, I am pleased with the proven accomplishments of the Buffalo Inner City Youth Fan Club for Golfing (BICYFCG) program. Through the support of the United States Golf Association Foundation, numerous Buffalo inner city youth became eager, active participants in a highly effective golf program. The awards and accolades garnered by past and present members include: invitation to the Tiger Woods Golf Clinic, Buffalo District Association Junior Golf Tour and New York State Junior Golf Tour members. These accomplishments directly reflect the success of the BICYFCG program and each participant's dedication to the sport.

The proven track record of the Buffalo Inner City Youth Fan Club Golfing program, however outstanding, must evolve. The 2006 "For the Good of the Game" proposal reflects the District's support of the program. Collaborate efforts between select District high schools and BICYFCG will provide students with the following instructional opportunities:

- Entrepreneurship – introduction to the golfing industry including ownership and management of facilities and centers
- Golf Course Management – designed for active participation in golf course maintenance and landscaping
- Culinary arts and food service – opportunity for participation in the preparation of culinary cuisine designed for golfing facilities

The program intent for the 2006 proposal is to ensure inner city youth receive instruction in the physical requirements of golfing by providing access to golf courses, golf instruction, and golf equipment. Concurrently, the program will enhance vocational opportunities with an instructional focus on developing corporate leadership and organizational skills.

As the District moves forward with improving the provision of quality athletic programs, we are committed to, and support, this proposal. I look forward to its approval and implementation.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James A. Williams".

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