



March 21, 2024

Central Indiana Regional Development Authority
Attn: Jennifer Messer, Executive Director CIRDA
1 Municipal Drive
Fishers, IN 46037

Dear Executive Director Messer:

I am writing on behalf of Indianapolis Public Schools' ("IPS") and Crispus Attucks High School ("CAHS") which is partnering with IU Health and is part of IU Health Foundation's pilot project featured in CIRDA's grant application to the EPA (as detailed in the grant application).

CAHS has a long and rich history in Indiana and in the IPS district. In 1927, Attucks opened its doors as a segregated high school — to educate Indianapolis' growing black population — after city officials decided to institute school desegregation in the 1920s. Now open to all students in Grades 9-12 in the IPS district and beyond, CAHS introduces students to healthcare professions, and provides a rigorous college preparatory education.

IPS and CAHS support and commit to collaborating with IU Health, IU Health Foundation, and the Central Indiana Regional Development Authority (CIRDA) and its member communities on its proposed CPRG funded regional programs, including *the Regional Building and Asset Modernization Program* and the *Regional Open Space Revitalization and Connectivity Program*.

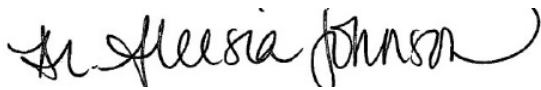
In support of the pilot projects and programs, our District operations staff will work with IU Health, CIRDA and its member communities to advance project implementation and program execution where possible and appropriate.

The opportunity to work with CIRDA and its member communities on the CPRG grant implementation provides an opportunity for IPS and CAHS to support regional collaboration in Central Indiana and establish the programmatic infrastructure to generate long term funding of projects related to energy efficiency and revitalization of green infrastructure in our communities.

The proposed regional programs not only provide an opportunity to fund transformational projects in Central Indiana, but also provide an opportunity to align our private, public, and nonprofit sectors on the environmental, economic, and public health challenges facing our region.

We are excited to participate in this opportunity for our region and looks forward to the transformative impact to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr. Aleesia Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Dr. Aleesia Johnson, Superintendent
Indianapolis Public Schools