



# **BENTWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**150 Bearcat Drive  
Bentleyville, Pennsylvania 15314**

October 12, 2020

To whom it may concern,

I write on behalf of the Rural Arts Collaborative project that has supported the students of Bentworth School District for three years. I write this to request any additional grant funding that would support the Rural Arts Collaborative so they may continue to bring the arts to rural districts. We strongly support this grant application and the focus on the delivery of art programs across the region.

As a rural school district with a very tight budget we have had to make difficult decisions and curtail our academic and related arts curriculum. Although we believe the arts play an important role in the development of children, we have had to explore alternative methods to provide those experiences. The Rural Arts Collaborative project is one such alternative that not only assist in this endeavor but provides activities that give our students additional enriching experiences.

Through this letter we acknowledge our roles and responsibilities that we will fulfill in this partnership. In the event this proposal is funded, we would expect our role to include collaborating with members from the Rural Arts Collaborative, providing resources to support residencies within our district and the support of future districts that participate in this project.

In closing, we are in complete support of the Rural Arts Collaborative and all of their work to bring the world of art to students in rural districts. The commitment and dedication of the resident artist, administration and Board of Directors to the students of the region is beyond reproach. If additional information is required, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott S. Martin". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Scott S. Martin  
Superintendent  
Bentworth School District