

# Geneva Area City Schools

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**High School**  
1301 South Ridge East  
(440) 466-4831, Ext. 4001

**Middle School**  
839 Sherman Street  
(440) 466-4831, Ext. 2001

**Austinburg Elementary**  
3030 Route 307 - Austinburg  
(440) 466-4831, Ext. 6001

**Cork Elementary**  
341 State Route 534  
(440) 466-4831, Ext. 5001

**Geneva Platt R. Spencer  
Elementary**  
755 Austin Rd.  
(440) 466-4831, Ext. 3001

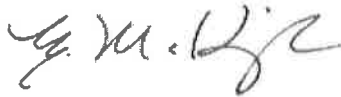
Senate President  
Mr. Larry Obhof  
Senate Building  
1 Capitol Square, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Senator Obhof:

I am writing this letter of support on the behalf of the Geneva Board of Education. The Board fully supports the proposed legislation allowing retroactive tax abatement and future tax abatement to any Olympic training facility in the State of Ohio. With the approval of the legislation, the current Memorandum of Understanding and Facility Use Agreement would be finalized between the Geneva Area City Schools and Spire Institute. In addition, all of the current local taxing entities would receive funds through the yearly payment made by Roni Lee LLC and Spire. The first initial payment was made by Roni Lee LLC in October 2017.

As the largest beneficiary of the tax revenue, the Geneva Area City Schools Board of Education assumed the leadership role in executing the necessary agreements and legislation. This took countless months and hours of work to come to an amicable solution. As a district, we recognize the Spire Institute has a significant impact on the economic growth of our area and surrounding areas. We hope that the passage of this legislation and subsequent agreements will not only provide a springboard for additional growth but allow the facility to prosper.

Sincerely,



Eric M. Kujala  
Superintendent