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Chase Supports ACT for All with \$12K Grant to Akron Schools

JPMorgan Chase's Akron market president, Ted Walter, presented a check for \$12,000 to Daniel C. Colantone, President and CEO of the Greater Akron Chamber, Dr. Sylvester Small, Akron Public Schools Superintendent, and Linda F. R. Omobien, Akron Public Schools Board of Education President, during a regular school board meeting Monday, January 28, at Hyre Middle School. The grant is to be used toward *ACT for All*, a program established to assist college-bound students with need in paying for the college entrance exam ACT.

According to Walter, JPMorgan Chase takes great pride in its long history of supporting organizations and programs that strengthen the community. "Through this grant, Chase hopes to encourage more Akron high school students to take college-entrance exams," said Walter. "Our community needs a well-educated workforce to compete successfully in an increasingly global marketplace. We believe it's important to remove any barriers that prevent students from pursuing higher education."

The Chamber's Akron Regional Development Board Educational Fund, a nonprofit Ohio corporation, was organized in 1976 exclusively to carry out various charitable and educational purposes, including supporting educational programs and activities for the benefit of the general public in the greater Akron area, conducting investigations, studies and study groups, forums, discussions, and disseminating results to lessen the burdens of local government.

"It's challenging to build a pool of talent to meet the needs of the global workforce. We appreciate Chase's commitment to the community and Akron's youth who could otherwise not afford to take the ACT. It's an important step in ensuring those who desire to attend college have as few obstacles as possible," explained Colantone.



JPMorgan Chase's Akron market president, Ted Walter (second from Right), presents a check for \$12,000 to Daniel C. Colantone (far Right), President and CEO of the Greater Akron Chamber, Dr. Sylvester Small, Akron Public Schools Superintendent (Left), and Linda F. R. Omobien (second from Left), Akron Public Schools Board of Education President, during a regular school board meeting Monday, January 28, at Hyre Middle School.

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