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Graduate School of Education
Office of the Dean

April 8, 2016

Ms. Kerri Nowak, Principal
Huth Road Elementary School
Grand Island CSD
1773 Huth Road
Grand Island, NY 14072

Dear Ms. Nowak:

I am pleased to confirm that your school has been selected to receive the Graduate School of Education's Interprofessional Collaboration Award for 2016.

Your team was selected because your application provided strong evidence of:

- interprofessional collaboration at the school site including the principal, teachers and school psychologist
- implementation of the principles of Quality Management as introduced by a parent on the school's Shared Decision Making Committee
- a school wide effort to address student proficiency in English Language Arts (ELA)
- an increase in student proficiency from 36.4% to 51% with a goal, by the end of the current school year, of 56% proficiency

I invite you, members of your team, and Dr. Teresa Lawrence to attend the Graduate School of Education Faculty/Staff Meeting for the presentation of the award on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. in 145 Student Union on UB's North/Amherst Campus. Please call Ms. Chandra Murphy at 716-645-6640 with the names and titles of those who will be attending. I also invite you to share highlights of your team's efforts through a 10-15 minute presentation that: identifies members the team; the problem(s) the team addressed: steps taken (especially those guided by research); and results. If you plan to use a PowerPoint presentation and/or handouts, please email all relevant materials to crmurphy@buffalo.edu no later than April 29, 2016.

Winning team members are eligible for a total of 12 one-credit hour professional development courses offered through UB/GSE to be completed in the fall of 2016 and/or 2017. Information regarding these courses will be sent to you later this spring. In lieu of the tuition scholarships, the team may request a professional development program designed by GSE faculty in order to meet a specific, school-based need. Such a request will be considered based on GSE faculty expertise and availability.

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As a condition for receiving this award, the Huth Road Elementary School agrees to provide UB faculty an opportunity to conduct research related to the IPC team. The purpose of the research would be focused on or more of the following areas: strengthening GSE's commitment to PreK-12 educational partnerships; strengthening UB's reputation as a research institution; and improving GSE curriculum pertaining to interprofessional collaboration.

Once again, congratulations on receiving this award and I look forward to seeing you on May 4th.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jaekyung Lee".

Jaekyung Lee, Ph.D.
Dean and Professor

xc: Dr. Teresa Lawrence, Superintendent, Grand Island Central School District
Dr. Randy Yerrick, Professor and Associate Dean for Interprofessional Education and
Engagement
Dr. Tom Ramming, Clinical Associate Professor, Graduate School of Education