

September 9, 2008

Barbara Fardell
Michigan Department of Education
Office of Educational Technology and Data Coordination

Dear Ms. Fardell:

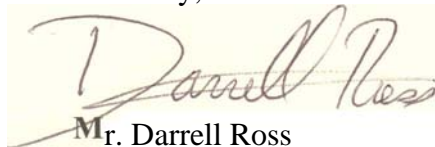
AS Principal of Beecher MiddleHigh School in Mt. Morris, Michigan, I am writing to support the Mission Possible proposal and am committed to joining this collaborative research partnership between Michigan State University and the Michigan Department of Education.

We have worked hard to increase the literacy throughout our district and welcome the help of the collaborative to improve our students' literacy in a wider and deeper way through Mission Possible.

Our city (we are just a mile north of Flint) is in crisis because of lost employment, economic decay, lack of efficient educational support from our families, and the effect of all these factors which leads to the weakening of a strong future for our children.

We are interested in the project and the results of the work. Our juniors have just finished a paper about the necessity of education in their future in order to compete in this increasingly "Flat" world. Our staff acquiring reading and writing strategies, diagnosing methods, and instigating web-based interventions, will help our students and community to regain and increase their ability to carve out their more positive future.

Sincerely,



Mr. Darrell Ross
Principal, Beecher MiddleHigh School

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