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Barbara Fardell
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Dear Ms Fardell:

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you of our commitment to Mission Possible, a collaborative partnership among the Regional Literacy Training Centers, Math and Science Centers and a number of intermediate school districts throughout Michigan. As district leaders, we are acutely aware of the economic problems facing our state.

We also believe that Mission Possible is one of the tools that can help to reverse the economic decline in Michigan. We have observed the loss of jobs, students and their families in districts we serve. For this reason we enthusiastically support the participation of our staff in Mission Possible for acquiring strategies for diagnosing adolescent reading and writing skills and using web based interventions for meeting student needs.

We understand our staff will be compensated for their participation and where necessary our district will be reimbursed for substitute costs. As a partner in this work, we will actively recruit teacher participation in both summer and afterschool sessions and will expect administrative participation in evaluation and monitoring of progress toward both long and short term goals. We look forward to participating in this important work and to continuing our efforts beyond the life of the project.

Like the collaborators in this project, our school board, teachers and families are very interested in and supportive of this important work. We know that for Michigan to be competitive in the Global economy, we must have an educated work force. We believe Mission Possible will help us accomplish this. Therefore, we encourage your financial support of this very important work.

Sincerely,

John Hagel
Superintendent, Shiawassee RESD

