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Office of Teacher Education

TO: Barbara Combs
Associate Dean of Teacher Education

DATE: August 9, 2007

FROM: Linda Holdman
Director of Field Placement

RE: Report on QUEST School Visit--Phoenix, AZ

Since we have received unusually positive support from the Cartwright School District in Phoenix, AZ within the past two years, we established a new QUEST partnership with them in June, 2007. Dr. Dave Santellanes, Teacher Recruiter for Cartwright Schools, has visited our campus three times which resulted in his hiring 11 of our teacher education graduates. He plans to attend our student teaching celebration and recruit again this December and will return to interview spring graduates in May 2008. I visited with Dr. Santellanes, the superintendent, assistant superintendents, and several principals on Tuesday, June 5, 2007. We established an affiliation agreement. between their district and UND. The district administrators are very pleased with our candidates they have hired within the last several semesters.

I visited the following schools within the Cartwright School District:

- Cartwright Early Childhood Center--They are interested in receiving student teachers.
- Bret Tarver School--They are interested in receiving student teachers grades 1-5.
- Estrella Middle School--We have a student teacher assigned at Estrella for fall 2007.
- Manuel Pena School--Our graduate, Amy Helseth, is currently teaching at Pena. I visited her classroom on June 6th. They are interested in receiving student teachers.
- Holiday Park School--They are interested in receiving student teachers grades 1-5
- Sunset School--They are interested in receiving student teachers 1-5
- Tomahawk--Our graduates, Jackie Gajeski and Mari Watkins are currently teaching here. I visited their classrooms on June 6th.

Dr. Santellanes has worked with local apartment providers. They have developed a "Teacher Friendly Apartment Discounts" agreement for giving consideration to our student teachers and graduates who are hired in the Cartwright School District. The website url is: Cartwright School District

Since Cartwright is an Elementary-Middle Level School District, I also visited with administrators from the neighboring Glendale Union HS District. They are very interested in receiving our student teachers and in recruiting on our campus at the same time as Cartwright School District. The Glendale Union HS District url is: Glendale Union High School District

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RE: Report on QUEST School Visit--St. Paul, MN

We have been in partnership with St. Paul School District since Spring 2001 when we established the Teacher Education Quality Experiences for Student Teachers (QUEST) Program. I visited the district in May, 2007 to renew our affiliation agreement and to visit with school administrators regarding the progress of our candidates in the St. Paul School District.

I visited the following schools along with the St. Paul School District Office Administrators:

- Hayden Heights Elementary--This will be a new school added to our agreement this year. They are very interested in receiving student teachers.
- Webster Magnet Elementary School--We have placed 6 student teachers at Jackson to date.
- North End Elementary School--We have placed 7 students at North End to date and they hired one of our graduates at mid-year.
- Cleveland Quality Middle School--They have been very receptive to our student teachers. We have placed 2 students at their school to date.
- Harding High School- We have placed one student teacher at Harding date and they are interested in receiving additional student teachers

In addition to St. Paul Schools, I visited the Cottage Grove District Office administrators and the following Cottage Grove Schools

- Park High School-- We have placed 2 student teachers at Park to date. They are very interested in hosting more of our student teachers
- Cottage Grove Elementary School. We have placed two students at Cottage Grove Elementary to date. We experienced some difficulties with the most recent placement, so I made a personal visit to the principal to talk through the situation and develop a plan of action. The candidate will have a second opportunity to student teach at Cottage Grove in the fall 2007 semester.

The web site for is: St. Paul School District

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RE: Report on QUEST School Visit--Las Vegas, NV

We have been in partnership with Clark County Schools in Las Vegas, Nevada since Spring 2001 when we established the Teacher Education Quality Experiences for Student Teachers (QUEST) Program. I visited the district in October 2007 to renew our affiliation agreement and to visit our student teacher's classroom, and to visit several other schools.

I visited the following sites:

- Clark County Public School District Office
  I met with the University Supervisor and with the Coordinator of Professional Development. I attended a 4-hour training for Cooperating Teachers in the Clark County district. I met 22 teachers who represented 14 schools--all new to me and all interested in hosting our student teachers. They asked us to send them Math, Science, and Special Ed teacher candidates and graduates.
- Helen Jydstrup Elementary-This will be a new school added to our agreement this year. They are hosting one of our student teachers in spring 2008.
- Elaine Wynn Elementary--I spent the morning with our student teacher in her 3rd grade classroom.
- Harney Middle School--This will be a new school added to our agreement. They are very interested in hosting our student teachers.
- Martinez Elementary School--This will be a new school added to our agreement. The principal is a g UND alumnus and wants to host our student teachers.
- Ed W. Clark High School. We have placed one student teacher at Clark to date and they are interested in receiving additional student teachers because of their Teaching Academy.

The website for Clark County Schools is: http://www.ccsd.net/

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RE: Report on Global Student Teaching Visit

We have been in partnership with the Global Student Teaching program at University of Minnesota-Morris Campus since September 2003

I visited the following sites:

- Tenison Woods College (Grades 5-7), MT. Gambier, South Australia
  We had one teacher candidate placed at Tenison in a 5th grade classroom. I spent the day with her and visited with the principal and several teachers. I met the host family. Both the school personnel and host family encouraged us to send more of our teacher candidates to Tenison.

- Merrivale Public School, Warrnambool, Australia
  We had one teacher candidate placed at Merrivale in a 3rd grade classroom. I spent the day with her and visited with her supervisor, cooperating teacher, and principal. They are very accommodating and invited us to send more teacher candidates.

- Ruthven Primary School, Melbourne, Australia
  We had one teacher candidate placed at Ruthven in a grade 1 classroom. I spent the morning in her classroom, had morning tea with her, her teachers, and principal. We had a very good visit. They encouraged us to send more teacher candidates to Ruthven. I met the university supervisor who was very complimentary of our teacher candidates.

- Reservoir West Primary School, Melbourne, Australia
  We had one teacher candidate placed at Reservoir West Primary School in a 1-2 composite classroom (ages 6+/7+). I spent the afternoon with him, had tea with him, his cooperating teacher, other teachers in the building and principal. We are invited to send as many teacher candidates as we wish to their school. This candidate had the same supervisor as Ruthven.

- Geelong, Australia
  I met with the Supervisor for the Warnbool and Mt. Gambier teacher candidates as well as with the Coordinator of the GST Program for Australia. We had a lengthy, cordial visit. We are invited to send more teacher candidates to their great country.

The website for Global Student Teaching is: http://educatorsabroad.org/gsthome.aspx