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TO Stephen Earwood, Director of Testing and Accountability
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FROM Susan Brigman, Assistant Director (Interim)
Federal Program Monitoring and Support

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DATE January 24, 2020

APPROVAL OF INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS

We are pleased to announce that on January 9, 2020 the North Carolina State Board of Education (SBE) approved your district's application for the Innovative Partnership Grant (IPG) for funding beginning with the 2019-20 school year. Although the SBE has approved your grant award, a budget must be submitted and approved by staff at the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) for you to receive the official grant award notification (GAN).

Please note the budget will be reviewed and approved through the Budget and Amendment System (BAAS). We anticipate allotments will be uploaded in BAAS within the next week.

As a follow up to communication provided during the competitive process, NCDPI staff will conduct an on-site visit to your IPG school within 60 days of SBE approval to review individual applications, correlating budgets and to complete a brief tour of the school(s). However, the group convening scheduled for January 28, 2020 will be postponed to a later date.

Congratulations to you and your innovative partners! We look forward to meeting you and supporting your work. If you have questions, please contact me at 919.807.3830 or by email at Susan.Brigman@dpi.nc.gov.

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