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October 5, 2012

Dear Members of the Teacher Leader Preparation Implementation Committee:

I have received and reviewed your recommendations for improvements to teacher preparation programs and our process for program review and approval. I have characterized your recommendations in that manner specifically because I believe that they will provide both a foundation and a framework for improvement of programs, as well as our teacher workforce and ultimately our PK-12 students. Your recommendations and transmittal letter are evidence of the commitment, thoughtfulness, and expertise that each of you has brought to bear in your endeavors on this committee.

As I talk with leaders in other states about the collective efforts in which we are engaged to align our systems to support graduation of college- and career-ready students, these recommendations are something I am talking about – both for their quality and comprehensiveness, and for the collaborative manner in which you developed them. We are so proud of your work and grateful for everything you have had to do to participate with us at this level. We look forward to continuing the work to implement our continued improvements together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pam Stewart".

Pam Stewart

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