Dr. Stephanie Stoll Dalton, Director
Teacher Quality Enhancement Programs
U. S. Department of Education
Washington, D.C. 20202

Dear Dr. Dalton:

I am very pleased the Indiana State University Professional Development School Partnership has been invited to submit a proposal under the Title II Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants Program. Indiana State University has a rich tradition in the preparation of educators for the state and nation. ISU began as a normal school and has evolved to one of the outstanding comprehensive universities in the nation; we have always maintained teacher education as the heart of our mission.

Today, our School of Education is one of our Centers of Excellence and preparing educators remains at the core of our mission. We are most proud of the School of Education and the PDS Partnership. Just this year, the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) selected the Indiana State University Professional Development School Partnership as one of the Exemplary Programs in Teacher Education and award the partnership the Christa McAuliffe Award.

The proposal prepared by the partnership will ensure that ISU continues to be a leader in the preparation of educators and in working with the K-12 school to ensure that every child reaches his/her academic potential. If funded, the grant will support the transformation of teacher education in the partnership and the transformation of teacher development in the partnership. We are most serious about improving learning and teaching at the University and K-12 level. I can assure you that the changes proposed in the grant will be institutionalized here at ISU. We have always supported teacher education on this campus and that commitment is as strong as ever.

I am optimistic that the Department will find our proposal promising and provide the requested funding. Please feel free to contact me if I can provide you with additional information.

Sincerely,

Lloyd W. Benjamin, III
President