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Thomas W. Barlow, Ed. D
Director, REL-Pacific
Pacific Resources for Education and Learning
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Dear Dr. Barlow:

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This letter of intent does not obligate any of the schools and teachers within my jurisdiction to participate in the Pacific CHILD or in its evaluation study. I understand that the participation in the study will be completely voluntary on the part of teachers, and they can at any time withdraw from the program and study for any reason without any consequences. I also understand that if the schools and teachers within my jurisdiction voluntarily decide to participate in the study, my office will fully support such individual decisions. I understand that our office and schools will be expected to make reasonable accommodations and assistance for the study team, which may include, but not limited to, providing information, allowing access to the school facilities, and supporting data collection activities. I understand that any accommodation or assistance requested by the study team will not exceed what can be expected as reasonable, and my office and school can decline any such request if it is deemed unreasonable. This letter of intent does not obligate my office or school to make any financial commitment to support the study.

Sincerely,


David M. Borja, D.B.A.



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April 16, 2007

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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Patricia Hamamoto".

Patricia Hamamoto
Superintendent

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cc: Mr. Robert McClelland, Systems Accountability Office



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Claire Tuia Poumele'.

Claire Tuia Poumele, Ed.D.
Director, American Samoa DOE