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EVALUATION OF THE CAROL M. WHITE PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM - CONTACT LETTERS AND E-MAILS

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Contact Emails for PEP Year 1 PDI Survey (LEA)

Pre-contact

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Letters of Notification to LEA Superintendents

Dear Superintendent X,

Congratulations! Your district is one of the 77 award recipients of the 2010 Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP) grant.

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Thank you for your school district's efforts in assisting with this evaluation. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact ED at ADDRESS@ed.gov or xxx-xxx-xxxx.

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Email for Requesting Raw Data on GPRA Measures (LEA)

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As part of the evaluation study, we are asking you to report the raw data on students that you used to compile the required GPRA measures. On [DATE] ED sent you a template and instructions for maintaining your raw data. Please refer to these instructions to report and upload the GPRA data file(s) to the website from the link below. Please ensure that all personal identifying information of students is removed from the uploaded data files. The data you provide will be protected by secure encryption.

The raw student data on the GPRA measures are critical to understanding the degree to which the PEP program is helping students make progress toward meeting state standards for physical education. We would appreciate receiving the electronic data by Month, Date, Year.

Thank you for your time and effort in providing us the raw student GPRA data. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact AIR at ADDRESS@air.org or xxx-xxx-xxxx.

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