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Dear Dr. Cummings,

I am writing this letter in support of your grant application for Monitoring cause-specific school absenteeism for estimating community wide influenza.

The Canon-McMillan School District has been a partner in the Social Mixing and Respiratory Transmission (SMART) in Schools project over the last two years. This has been a productive relationship, and our district has been happy to be part of this research.

Canon-McMillan School district consists of approximately 5,000 students in 11 schools. All of these schools have worked with your study team to quantify social mixing patterns and influenza transmission among school children through use of proximity detecting devices (motes), video recordings, contact diaries, absentee surveillance, and flu swabbing over the last two years. I have held many conversations with students, parents, teachers, and principals and they have been pleased with the project at all levels. We see this as a highly successful collaboration and feel that we have been treated as partners in research.

We are happy to continue to contribute to the development of national policy and practice regarding seasonal and pandemic influenza among school children, and are interested in pursuing additional collaboration with you on this new project about absentee surveillance. I strongly support you on this initiative to continue working in schools, and wish you the best of luck with the proposal.

Sincerely,



Grace Lani
Director of Curriculum and Instruction



FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Excellence is not an act, but a habit." – Aristotle

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February 25, 2013

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Dear Dr. Cummings,

Please accept this letter as a formal letter of support for your grant application, "Monitoring cause-specific school absenteeism for estimating community wide influenza"

The Fox Chapel Area School District has been involved in many research projects with various universities for several decades. The administration recognizes the value of research in advancing the education, health, and general well being of our students, staff, and many stakeholders in our communities.

I look forward to discussing our involvement with the Flu Surveillance Project. We believe that the information gained will be of value.

Sincerely,

Anne E. Stephens, Ph.D.
Superintendent



February 27, 2013

Derek A. T. Cummings, PhD
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Dear Dr. Cummings,

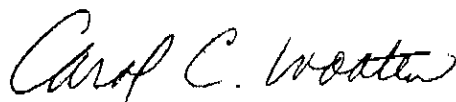
I am writing this letter in support of your grant application for Monitoring cause-specific school absenteeism for estimating community wide influenza.

The Propel School District has been a partner in the Social Mixing and Respiratory Transmission (SMART) in Schools project over the last two years. This has been a productive relationship, and our district has been happy to be part of this research.

Propel School District consists of approximately 3,000 students in 9 schools. Four of these schools have worked with your study team to quantify social mixing patterns and influenza transmission among school children through use of proximity detecting devices (motes), video recordings, contact diaries, absentee surveillance, and flu swabbing over the last two years. I have held many conversations with students, parents, teachers, and principals and they have been pleased with the project at all levels. We see this as a highly successful collaboration and feel that we have been treated as partners in research.

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