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Dr. Betsy MacLeod,
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Dear Dr. MacLeod:

The School of Education and Human Services (SEHS) at Oakland University is committed to community outreach and support of Michigan K-12 students and teachers. We look forward to partnering with the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) and the Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators (MAISA) in the Statewide System of Support (SSOS) for Title I High Priority Schools in Phase 1 and Phase 2.

SEHS has a long history of supporting the literacy learning of Michigan's most at-risk children. The Reading Recovery Center of Michigan at Oakland University, established in 1991, has provided early intervention services for over 87,500 first grade children through their professional development with more than 1,000 Michigan teachers.

As a former Intermediate School District Administrator I understand the challenges of creating effective partnerships that directly impact student performance and school measures of AYP. Reading Recovery is a systems approach that has demonstrated this type of impact. Reading Recovery provides high quality professional development supported by a strong research base. Reading Recovery builds literacy expertise within buildings and across systems. It develops local and state level literacy leaders.

As Dean of the SEHS, I know that Dr. Lose and Dr. Schwartz will be valuable members of your statewide support system. They are leaders in the national and international organizations responsible for directing the not-for-profit dissemination of the Reading Recovery intervention. They have played a large role in establishing the strong research base recognized by the federal What Works Clearinghouse and current approaches to Response to Intervention.

Oakland University and the School of Education and Human Services look forward to a productive partnership with MDE and MAISA to support Michigan schools, teachers and students.

Sincerely,

William G. Keane, Interim Dean
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