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Amanda Buice  
Math Science Partnership Program Specialist  
Division of Academic Standards  
Georgia Department of Education  
1754 Twin Towers East  
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January 6, 2011

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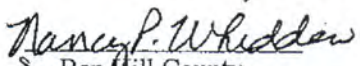
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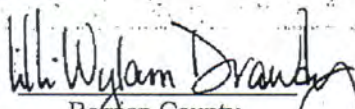
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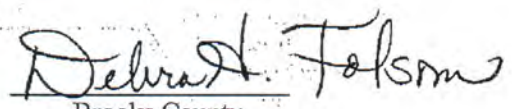
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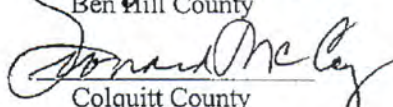
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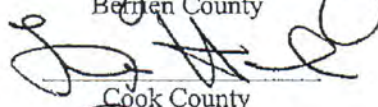
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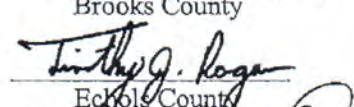
  
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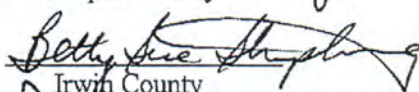
  
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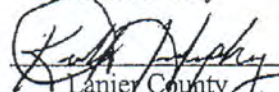
  
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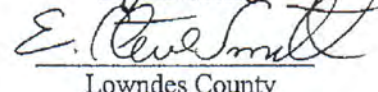
  
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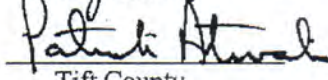
  
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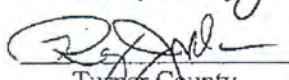
  
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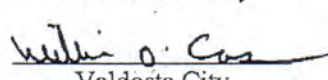
  
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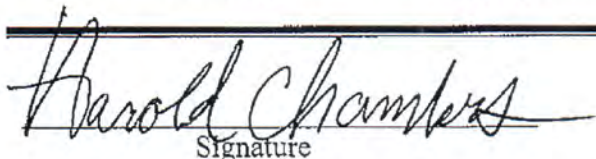
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August 2, 2012

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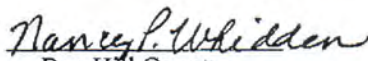
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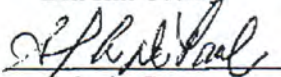
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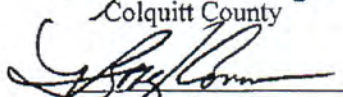
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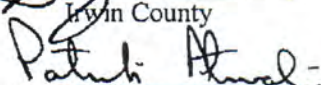
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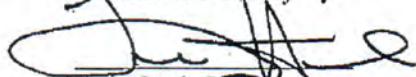
  
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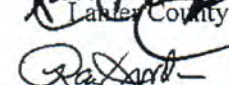
  
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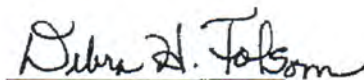
  
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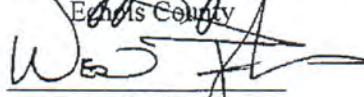
  
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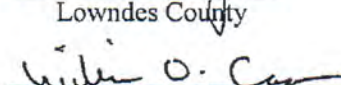
  
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August 9, 2012

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Georgia Department of Education  
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Dear Ms. Buice,

This is a letter of commitment and support for the proposed Math Science Partnership project being submitted through the Coastal Plains RESA with Valdosta State University as a lead partner. We will do everything in our power to facilitate meeting the goals of the project. The effective approaches to professional development described in this proposal, including content faculty partnered with master teachers, has provided extraordinary support and enthusiasm by the teacher participants of past projects. Further, the strong support this proposal maintains across the campus and the deep partnerships that have been formed as a result of previous projects will ensure the success of the one now proposed.

A project such as this is especially necessary in the rural areas of south Georgia where teachers must drive long distances to receive real professional development. We cannot leave teachers behind simply because of where they teach or the populations they serve. I encourage full support of the proposal and will commit the resources necessary to support its implementation and success.

Sincerely,

Karla Hull, Ph.D.  
Acting Provost and VPAA  
Valdosta State University





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Math Science Partnership Program Specialist  
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Dear Ms. Buice,

The College of Arts & Sciences at Valdosta State University provides content courses for teachers throughout this region. The faculty of the Departments of Mathematics and Computer Science; Biology; Chemistry; and Physics, Astronomy & Geosciences are particularly interested in the content proficiency of teachers in our area schools, in part because of their impact on our future students. We are also aware that the curriculum in science and mathematics has been revised, or being revised, and now addresses content on a much higher level. These revisions mean that current teachers need refresher work in content to increase their comfort level with the science and mathematics they must now teach. Our faculty support efforts to provide this content work.

We heartily endorse the Math Science Partnership grant proposal submitted through the Coastal Plains RESA and support those Arts & Sciences faculty members who have been part of the planning and will be part of the project staff. The College of Arts & Sciences has enjoyed a history of productive partnerships with the Dewar College of Education, and in particular with previous MSP projects involving Dr. Brian Gerber and Dr. Ellice Martin. We are willing to provide any support necessary to ensure the success of this project.

Sincerely,

James T. LaPlant  
Associate Dean  
College of Arts and Sciences

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Dear Ms. Buice,

The Dewar College of Education at Valdosta State University strongly supports the Math Science Partnership proposal submitted by Valdosta State University through the Coastal Plains RESA. This proposal is particularly timely with the changes to the mathematics curriculum in the State of Georgia and initiation of the Common Core Curriculum. Science also continues to be a struggle in our area as too many students do not meet even the most basic level of knowledge. Teachers, especially elementary school teachers, are in great need of content, instructional support, and resources to assist them in bringing all of their students to high levels of learning. They provide the foundation upon which future learning will be built. The evidence-based practices that this MSP proposal contains will provide the necessary support and structure to have a measureable impact on the teachers that participate as well as their students.

All stakeholders for this project have been brought to the table to provide input in the development of this proposal. This project, like past successful MSP activities, has sought guidance from master teachers, RESA support personnel, district superintendents, College of Education faculty, and Arts & Science faculty in the planning and development stages. We have enjoyed a strong relationship with all of these constituents in the past and I am sure it will continue for this project as well. Be assured that the Dewar College of Education will provide whatever support necessary for the project to ensure its success. We strongly support this timely and necessary assistance for the 3-5 grade science and mathematics teachers of our region.

Sincerely,

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Acting Dean  
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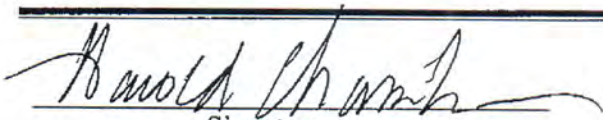
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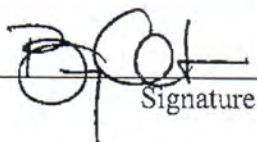
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During the June 5, 2014 Board of Control meeting in Lenox, Georgia, the 12 superintendents of the Coastal Plains RESA expressed support for the project and voted signature authority for a combined letter of support to RESA Director Harold Chambers for the purpose of this letter.

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Harold Chambers, Director of the Coastal Plains RESA

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