

APPENDIX D

E-MAIL TO PRINCIPAL

Late last week I received official approval from Leslie Lukin at LPSDO and today from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to conduct a research on project Chuck Friesen introduced to me last summer.

This research opportunity is designed to use an online system created at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, called *EDU*, to deliver additional practice opportunities in the area of mathematics. When Chuck first approached me about he explorations, he discussed his successful experiences using the system with middle and secondary students. However, a closer examination of the materials indicated the skill set was really found within elementary instructional materials.

And that is when I was approached to further this topic.

Further conversations were made with Matt Larson examining and addressing the current elementary mathematics curriculum and Matt suggested a focus on reteaching and seeing if *EDU* might provide more opportunities for those students who do not meet the identified objectives within the materials.

These conversations initiated an initial contact with teachers to identify any who might be interested in participating. Ms. Laura Parn at Elliott indicated an interest and thus allowed me to further my proposal through the necessary administrative entities to seek approval.

Now that I have LPSDO and UNL approval, I now am approaching you to seek approval to conduct a research study at Elliott Elementary.

The study will not impede instruction and will only require a few visits to observe Ms. Parn 's reteaching practice.

I am writing, as a graduate student of the University of Nebraska, to seek your request to make the necessary arrangements with you to seek Ms. Parn 's approval and begin the parental/student approval process with the intent to begin the data collection process shortly there after. I'm more than happy to show you the materials beforehand and meet with you further about this topic if you so desire.

Feel free to email or call (402-560-1328).

Thank you so much for your time.

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