

Mr. Gregory Tatum Superintendent of Schools 2369 Morris Ave Union, New Jersey 07803

Dear Mr. Tatum:

In order to qualify for the completion of the College of Saint Elizabeth's Ed.D. Program in Educational Leadership, a candidate must prepare an action research dissertation on a problem relevant to the practice of educational leadership that demonstrates application of the content of the program. Laura Muller has met the aforementioned requirement. The purpose of her action research is to examine the attitudes and perceptions MS/HS teachers have concerning the One to One Chromebook initiative in your school district.

The following research questions will guide Laura Muller's action research dissertation.

- 1. To what extent are teachers currently using 1:1 technology?
- 2. What are teachers' immediate needs to best utilize the 1:1 technology initiative?
- 3. To what degree/extent has the technology initiative been effective in transforming teachers' pedagogy?

She will be conducting surveys, focus groups, and interviews with the appropriate teacher population. The data gathered will be utilized for analytical purposes only and no personal information will be retained. The district will not be identified and a pseudonym will be utilized. The study is non-evaluative and, as a result, there is no conflict of interest.

Before Ms. Muller can proceed with her study, the College of Saint Elizabeth requires your approval and the approval by the Board of Education.

If you have questions, please contact me at <u>jciccone@cse.edu</u> or at 973-290-4383.

Sincerely,

Joseph Ciccone, Ed.D.
Program Chair of Education and Educational Leadership
Associate Professor

## From the desk of:

## Laura Muller

Mr. Gregory Tatum Superintendent of Schools Township of Union Public Schools 2369 Morris Ave Union, NJ 07803

November 30, 2019

Dear Mr. Tatum,

As you know, I am an Ed.D. candidate at the College of Saint Elizabeth in Morristown, NJ. The purpose of my action research is to examine the attitudes and perceptions MS/HS teachers have concerning the One to One Chromebook initiative in your school district. Although I have left the district, I began this process as an employee and would greatly appreciate being allowed to complete my research here. Union is my hometown and will always hold a special place in my heart. Further, instructional technology has always been one of my passions when I was employed by the district.

I am requesting your permission to conduct a survey on this topic, as well as interviews and focus group discussions with MS/HS teachers in your district provided that my dissertation proposal is approved by the Institutional Review Board (IRB) at the College of Saint Elizabeth.

The IRB requires that your approval be sent to me on official letterhead from your district. As per IRB requirements, please state specifically in your letter of approval that you give your permission for me to give the surveys and conducts interviews with teachers in your district if the dissertation proposal is approved by the Institutional Review Board at the College of Saint Elizabeth.

If possible, please return your signed letter of approval to me by December 19, 2019. I will happily come pick it up from the Board Office. Your time and consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Muller

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