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Dear NH School Principal,

The New Hampshire Department of Education is proud to be a partner in the e-Learning for Educators Initiative, a federally funded program involving nine states. As you will recall, the primary goals of this initiative are

- to establish an effective and sustainable model of online professional development for teachers,
- to address state-wide teacher quality needs,
- and to improve student achievement.

Specifically, four series of online professional development courses have been developed in Mathematics and English Language Arts (ELA), and are being offered to both elementary and middle school teachers. These high-quality courses target critical areas in which students tend to struggle, and are based on state and national standards. Meeting the ambitious goals of this initiative requires a collaborative effort involving nine state Departments of Education, nine Public Broadcasting Stations, Education Development Center, Inc., and the Boston College Technology and Assessment Study Collaborative.

As a critical part of this initiative, Boston College is conducting a series of research studies to examine the impact of online professional development on teachers' knowledge and instructional practices, and students' learning. Schools that participate in these studies will not only be part of a ground-breaking study, but will also benefit from **cutting-edge, collaborative, standards-based online professional development free of charge**. In addition, participating teachers will receive a small stipend as compensation for periodically completing surveys related to the professional development.

We support your efforts to improve teacher quality and student learning and strongly encourage your school to participate. The first series of research studies will begin in January 2007 and schools are currently being selected for the study. Please contact Boston College and inform them of your interest in participating.

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We look forward to working with you and your school to improve the quality of education in New Hampshire.

Sincerely,

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