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Dear Sandi,

Thank you for sharing your work with IDOE during our recent meeting. Please accept this letter of support for the work and direction of INTASS.

We have reviewed the INTASS documents you shared with us and support the two opportunities for Indiana educators. Providing guidance to school districts in the development and implementation of teacher performance appraisal plans that include a collaborative process for high quality implementation affirms the professionalism of all involved. The INTASS Appraisal Plan Rubric and the plan development and implementation process that it outlines will provide valuable guidance to districts in the development and implementation of effective and equitable systems of teacher evaluation.

We also see value in the on-line evaluator training that would provide common language, knowledge and skills for evaluators in the state as they work with teachers to identify and strengthen professional classroom practice. This topic is of great interest to IDOE as we identify ongoing training opportunities of high quality that are in the best interest of teachers and evaluators. We look forward to providing feedback on the training.

I agree to have a representative from the Department on your INTASS Advisory Board.

Sincerely,

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Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction

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