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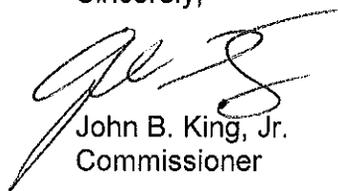
Dear Dr. Elliott:

I am pleased to inform you that I am approving your Distinguished Educator work plan, which you submitted as required by Commissioner's Regulations Section 100.17. I appreciate all of your hard work in preparing this action plan, as I understand that it was developed based upon extensive review of documents; visits to Priority Schools; interviews with district staff, the Buffalo Board of Education, and various stakeholders; and in close collaboration with Dr. Pamela Brown, the superintendent of the Buffalo Public Schools.

I ask that you now work with Dr. Brown and her staff to review the 1003(g) School Improvement Grant applications and budgets that were submitted for the 2012-2013 school year to ensure alignment with Buffalo Public School's (BPS) District Comprehensive Improvement Plan (DCIP). This review is likely to lead to your recommending amendments to the district component of Buffalo's School Improvement Grant application. Furthermore, upon the New York State Department's approval of the district's DCIP and the School Comprehensive Education Plans for the Priority schools, I am requesting that you review your action plan and propose any revisions as are necessary to the DE plan to ensure that your efforts as the Distinguished Educator optimally support the district's implementation of the approved district and school plans. I also ask that you provide me with monthly updates on the efforts that the District is taking to implement the recommendations that you have provided in your plan.

Thank you again for all your hard work. I look forward to supporting you and Buffalo Public Schools as you work together towards dramatic increases in student achievement.

Sincerely,



John B. King, Jr.
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