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To: Howard Adelman & Linda Taylor at UCLA

From: Dr. Troy D. Harcey, Associate Superintendent of Instruction, School District of La Crosse

Thank you for extending an invitation to supply some highlights/updates regarding the Rebuilding for Learning efforts taking place in La Crosse, Wisconsin. We are enthusiastic about our efforts; thus, very happy to share.

Please know that what I am sharing (including attachments) are not intended to be comprehensive, but rather a snapshot of our efforts. Should you desire any detailed information, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Attachments:

(1) I have included one invitation example (and a follow-up letter) for our annual community summits. We held our 3rd summit in August, and were very pleased with the results (150+ attendees representing over 30 community organizations...all working to benefit youth and families). In reviewing the attached documents, you will get a solid understanding of our efforts. That said, if you'd enjoy a video, you can view a summary from our second summit on YouTube at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=-QmhekeE7\\_\\_k](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-QmhekeE7__k). (Note: Video summary from 3rd summit is in production.)

(2) Our steering committee continues to "get word out" throughout the community via presentations as well. Another attachment you will find is a PDF of a Mac Keynote presentation that provides an overview of our efforts for various community groups. Additionally, we are designing monthly updates to be launched in mass e-mail and on our new website (see below).

(3) The final two attachments provide a glance into a tiered approach we have embraced to better (a) raise awareness, (b) provide differentiated support, and (c) ultimately work to address increased mental health considerations in our region. The first describes a flow chart whereby we work with organizations to provide 1:1 mental health therapy sessions for youth on site (i.e. in the schoolhouse). We have many additional documents that have been vetted by legal council, etc., should you be interested in our process in La Crosse (permission forms, contractor agreements, etc.) just say the word. The final "liaison" document is a tiered effort to provide support for our schools' educators as they recognize and appropriately address mental health issues as related to our youth.

Additionally:

Please note that we have launched a website to help coordinate efforts, etc. The website is in its very early development, but you might find it interesting. Please check us out at [lacrossepartnersinlearning.org](http://lacrossepartnersinlearning.org)

Finally, our content arena work is regular and on-going; truly the foundation for all of our efforts. Our co-facilitators are dynamic and have organized their committees' efforts around a SMART goal approach. We are truly striving for a collective impact that is seismic for the La Crosse community. (More info. on the website...)

Anyway, this just "wets the whistle" a bit with our approach and accomplishments. Come see us if you can! Perhaps you'd like to be a value added part of our 4th community summit? Mark your calendars (Tuesday, August 12th, 2014 in beautiful La Crosse, WI.).

~Troy