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Greetings Superintendent Silverstein,
My name is John Severs and I am a doctoral candidate of the Graduate School of Education at Rutgers University. I am requesting permission to invite the Principal and three-five teachers at Glassboro Intermediate School to participate in a research study about schools that exited from status during the 2017-2018 school year.

The title is “Sustaining Change Through Organizational Learning: A Case Study of Two Schools Post-State Intervention.” The purpose of this study is to examine how school professionals describe the changes implemented while in status working with the Regional Achievement Center/Comprehensive Support Network and how those changes have been sustained the year following the school’s exit from status.

The data to be collected will consist of:

- documents related to RAC/CSN,
- four school and classroom observations of participating teachers over an eight week period, and
- two interviews of all participants not exceeding one hour.

One interview will take place before the observational visits and one interview would occur after the four observational visits. Observations will take place January-March 2019 with all data collected by April 2019.

No student information or identifiers are required and will not be collected or presented as part of this study.

The District, school, and all participants will be given pseudonyms.

All participants will be required to give written consent to participate and may opt out at any time.

With your permission, I would like to first invite the Principal of Glassboro Intermediate School to participate in the study. Should the Principal and three-five teachers from the school agree to participate I will then request a signed consent form from you for Rutgers Institutional Review Board to conduct the study at the District site.

I appreciate your consideration.

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