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Mr. Wally Leech
Distance Learning Technology Coordinator
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Educational Resources & Learning Technologies Office
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Dear Mr. Leech:

This letter is in support of a distance learning grant for which the Midland School District and the Aliquippa School District are applying in a partnership effort. This partnership will allow a greater access by a greater number of individuals within both school districts and both communities. After discussing the project with representatives from both districts, I have concluded that this blending of educational institutions would be an asset to the economically disadvantaged districts of Beaver County.

More specifically, the sharing of educational information between these school districts would exist in the following format:

- * Aliquippa will be able to provide the following advanced placement courses for the students at Midland School District: biology, advanced music, and computer education. Midland will provide the following courses for Aliquippa students: Spanish, pre-algebra and algebra.
- * Other courses to be determined could also be offered to students in both of our school districts.
- * Area universities will be contacted regarding the offering of credits for master's degree or certification classes for teachers within these and other Beaver County Districts.

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- * Staff development programs for both districts could take advantage of this technology to keep faculty abreast of changes within their specific disciplines as well as the educational system as a whole.

In summary, I feel that this exciting technology would broaden many educational avenues for students, staff, and community members in both districts.

Sincerely,

Susan Laughlin
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From:

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the grant.