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Dr. John Folks
State Superintendent
of Public Instruction
State Department of Education
Oliver Hodge Building
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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear John:

Your public statements match what I know you to stand for--Improvement of Instruction in the schools of Oklahoma. I have seen your work in establishing structures, policies, procedures, and allocating resources to accomplish your purposes. I further have seen you identify and employ persons who are capable of aiding you in your mission. For all of the above you have both my heart and support.

As you are well aware there are some real fine pros around the state who can be used as resources in the improvement processes. Two people with whom I have worked for several years are the kind of resources to which I refer. They are Mike King, principal, and Dick Idleman, teacher at Hubbard Elementary School in Noble.

This Summer Mike and Dick, partially as a result of a practicum which Dr. Shepherd and I conducted on curriculum review this Summer, have developed a very sophisticated yet practical system for analyzing and monitoring the curriculum review process. I have spent 6 hours with them interacting about the system and I can assure you that the system holds promises for improving many other significant elements of schooling. I recommend that you give them a hearing and that you utilize them as resources to help others provide leadership in 1816 activities.

They are not 'come-latelies.' I have seen their work in developing other systems for the improvement of curriculum/instruction. They have an excellent capacities to take ideas and convert those ideas to practical systems. I wish all schools could be so fortunate to have leaders such as they.

Thanks for lending your ear to me. If I can be of any assistance in any way, please call. I wish you well as you provide leadership for the state.

Respectfully,

Thomas H. Gallaher
Associate Professor