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Nancy S. Ruscio, Superintendent  
Homer Central School District  
PO Box 500, 80 South West Ave.  
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RE: Strengthening Teacher and Leader Effectiveness 3 Request for Proposals (STLE 3 RFP)

Dear Superintendent Ruscio:

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) is pleased to inform you it has tentatively awarded Homer Central School District a Strengthening Teacher and Leader Effectiveness 3 grant in the amount of \$258,625.

Please note that NYSED is required to obtain the approval of the procurement record for the RFP from the Office of the State Comptroller in order for Homer Central School District to receive a final notice of approval.

No work should be initiated until you receive final notice of approval of your award. All grants, regardless of type or dollar amount, are subject to further review, monitoring, and audit to ensure compliance (please see enclosed document). NYSED has the right to recoup funds if the approved activities are not performed and/or the funds are expended inappropriately. The funding resulting from this award will require that grantees accept electronic payments for amounts due on the grant. Additional information and authorization forms are available at the State Comptroller's website at [www.osc.state.ny.us/epay/index.htm](http://www.osc.state.ny.us/epay/index.htm).

To receive and maintain funding under STLE 3, grantees must remain in full compliance with Education Law §3012-c, including all sub-parts which refer to filing and approval requirements, and must continuously implement the APPR plan approved by the Department for all principals and teachers in the district for the entire grant period (March 3, 2014 – June 30, 2015). Please note, as per the RFP: all applicants' full career ladders should be implemented by September 2014 and applicants must use State evaluation results for teachers and principals in their career ladders once there are enough years of APPR results available.

As stated in the Request for Proposals (RFP), mid-year and annual performance reports are required for all grantees. The performance reports must demonstrate that substantial progress has been made toward meeting the project goals and program milestones, as indicated in the grantee's work plan and/or timeline. Please see the enclosed Overview: STLE 3 Performance Reports for more detail.

Courtney Max, Project Coordinator, is your contact for this grant. She may be reached at (518) 486-2681 or via e-mail at [STLE3@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:STLE3@mail.nysed.gov). We look forward to working with you on this project.

Sincerely,

Dr. Julia Rafal-Baer

Enclosure  
cc: Linda Llewellyn