

To: Homer Central School District
Members of the Board of Education

From: Kimberly Rombach, PDS Co-coordinator

Date: February 6, 2018

Re: Professional Development School (PDS) Mini-grant Recipient

The purpose of this memo is to let you know that one of our SUNY Cortland student teachers, Fionnuala Kerins and an Associate Professor, Dr. Lin Lin, were recently awarded a PDS mini-grant that includes activities that have been proposed to take place in Ms. Martha Nye's 6th grade classroom at Homer Jr. High School during the spring 2018 semester.

The mini-grant, *Exploring Our World through Blogging*, will activities that will guide sixth graders to participate in online blogging to explore global issues with students in Honduras, South Korea and China. The goal of the mini-grant is to provide a way for the sixth graders to participate in a global dialogue.

Throughout the semester, grant recipients plan to create videos and take photos to document students' experiences using online technology to learn about students from different places around the world.

The proposal was well-developed and has the potential to contribute positively to the students who will participate in the grant's activities.

If you have any questions about the proposal or the PDS mini-grant process, please feel comfortable contacting me at 607-753-2706 or by email at kimberly.rombach@cortland.edu.