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Interim Superintendent Arlando Smith  
Interim Superintendent Akur Varadarajan  
New Haven Unified School District  
34200 Alvarado-Niles Road  
Union City, CA 94587

Dear Interim Co-Superintendents Smith and Varadarajan:

I would like to extend my thanks to you and your staff for your hard work and collaboration with us as New Haven Unified School District (NHUSD) begins to implement its Race to the Top - District grant. Between April 8, 2013 and September 19, 2013, we received initial and revised school implementation plans and a detailed Scope of Work that is consistent with NHUSD's approved application. We approve the Scope of Work and the format of the school implementation plans; the Scope of Work and school implementation plans include specific goals, activities, timeline, budgets, key personnel, and annual targets for key performance measures. As we have discussed with you, the Scope of Work may be subject to additional review and revision where appropriate over time.

On December 27, 2012, NHUSD received a grant of \$29,351,345.06 with the condition that the grantee draw down no more than 10 percent of the grant prior to approval of the Scope of Work. I am pleased to notify you that the remaining balance of the award is now available to NHUSD. Funds may be drawn down only as they are needed, and their use must be consistent with the implementation NHUSD's Race to the Top - District plan and in support of accomplishing its proposed milestones.

Sincerely,

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