



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
H. Martin Lancaster, President

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Selected Presidents
Selected Chief Academic Officers

FROM: Darryl McGraw, Associate Vice President
Instructional Development and Technology

SUBJECT: Project IMPACT

I would like to ask for your help in completing a research study in the area of Early Childhood Education.

Project IMPACT is an initiative of the Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute (FPG) that is seeking to increase access to college courses. Funding for the project has been provided by the U.S. Department of Education. The target population for this initiative is child care teachers in the ten highest-need counties of North Carolina. The counties were identified using data that documented child poverty levels of all 100 counties.

The initiative is attempting to establish a model technology-based network to support students seeking early childhood courses through community colleges. The courses will be delivered by distance learning. Pilot courses and resources will be available to assist the teachers who will be participating in the study. In order to assist the 100 teachers the four participating colleges (Fayetteville Technical Community College, Forsyth Technical Community College, Sandhills Community College, and Vance-Granville Community College) may need to provide their services to students who reside in your service area.

Your assistance is requested in allowing these teachers and potential early childhood education students to receive a single distance learning course from another college outside your service area. This will occur only one time, and the results of the course will be studied by FPG to further enhance distance learning opportunities for teachers in North Carolina.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me or Ms. Kristi Snuggs at (919) 807-7122 or e-mail www.snuggsk@ncccs.cc.nc.us.

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