Dear Mrs. Peterson,

The reading faculty in the NMU School of Education wanted to send you an update on our progress in using your generous donation to fund education students’ attendance at reading conferences. We selected the Michigan Reading Association Conference in March 2009 (www.michiganreading.org) because of its high quality and the opportunities it provides our students to network with teachers from across the state. We decided to offer funding for travel by automobile (4 students per vehicle), lodging (4 people per room), and conference registration. Students will pay their own meals and incidentals. We anticipate being able to take about 20 students.

We then developed a short application procedure. We are accepting applications from undergraduate and graduate students. At this time, we have 20 applications and will continue accepting applications until October 31st. Those receiving the support will be identified from this pool of applicants. Faculty and staff in the School of Education will be assisting the students with the logistics as they develop their travel plans.

One requirement in the application is that students have a plan for ways they might share what they learn with other students and educators across the region in the spring. We are quite excited about this component as it will enable your contribution to touch many additional educators.

We sincerely appreciate your donation. You are providing a rare opportunity to our students.

Sincerely,

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Sue Szczepanski            Markisha Smith
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