

Sample School District

John Dewey, Superintendent

123 Main Street, Sample City, USA



Dear Dr. Smith and Mr. Goodman,

It is my honor to write this letter of support for Sample School District's application to join the News Literacy Project's District Fellowship Program. My name is Mary McLeod Bethune and I am the Chief Academic Officer of Sample School District. I report directly to the Superintendent and oversee all curricular initiatives. Mr. Escalante, the lead fellow on our application, is the districtwide social studies curriculum coordinator and works in my office.

Given the importance of news literacy education, I fully support our district implementing a guarantee to all our students that they will receive a unit of news literacy instruction before graduating from high school. How we deliver on that promise will be determined and led by Mr. Escalante's team, pending the approval of myself, the Superintendent, and our School Board.

I recognize that our involvement in the fellowship program will last three years, during which Mr. Escalante and his team will work closely with you and other NLP staff members. While we may not achieve full implementation with fidelity in that three-year period, we are committed to this curricular guarantee to our students and will continue to work towards meeting their news literacy needs beyond the term of the fellowship program.

Best,

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Chief Academic Officer