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Mr. James Butler
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Ave., S.W.
Washington, DC 20202

Dear Mr. Butler,

I am pleased to nominate the following individuals for consideration as negotiators for the Every Student Succeeds act (ESSA) Title I negotiated rulemaking committee. Each one of these educators represents one or more of the named constituencies, is willing and available to serve during the designated meeting dates, and brings extensive knowledge of and experience in the Title I issues on which the committee will deliberate. We hope you will give each of them thorough consideration as potential members of the committee. Their resumes are attached for further information. Also included are endorsements for each of these individuals from educators and educational organizations from across the country.

Tom Tramaglino (NJ), Superintendent of the Kenilworth School District in Kenilworth, NJ

Constituencies

- Local administrators
- Teachers
- Parents

Expertise

- Local Title I administrator
- Assessment development, administration, and analysis
- Data collection, analysis, and modeling
- School personnel administration, including evaluations and professional development, mentoring, induction

Accomplishments

- Moved schools under his responsibility from Targeted Assistance programs to Title I Schoolwide programs.
- Enjoys widespread state support having been elected president of New Jersey ASCD 2010-2012 and continues to serve as a board member
- Serves on the Task Force for 21st Century Skills and Content Development for the NJ Department of Education.

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Marc Cohen (MD), Principal, Seneca Valley High School, Montgomery County, MD

Constituencies

- Local administrators
- Principals
- Parents of historically underserved students

Expertise

- Leading a school with a majority of minority students and a significant population of socio-economically disadvantaged students.
- Coordination of programs and services to support students with significant behavioral and academic challenges.
- Assessment administration and analysis
- Data collection and analysis
- Parent of two Hispanic children

Accomplishments

- Increased graduation rate five years in a row
- Improved student eligibility five years in a row
- Decreased suspensions and referrals

- Served on the ASCD Board of Directors
- ASCD Outstanding Young Educator Award

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Christopher Himsel (IN), Superintendent of the Northwest Allen County Schools,
Fort Wayne, IN

Constituencies

- Local administrators
- Principals
- Parents of historically underserved students

Expertise

- Assessment development, administration, and analysis
- Local Title I administrator
- Improving the achievement of English language learners
- Educator preparation and professional development
- Parent of minority and English Learner children

Accomplishments

- Serves in various capacities in community level organizations to support connections with schools and students.
- Promotes collaboration with the international education community

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the composition of the negotiated rulemaking panel and for your consideration of our nominees. They look forward to hearing from you.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Griffith". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

David Griffith
Senior Director of Government Relations