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Dr. Raymond Dye, Chair
Institutional Review Board
c/o Research Services
Granada Center, 4th Floor
Loyola University

Dear Dr. Dye:

I am submitting here responses for the conditionally approved protocol #74127 entitled, "Collaborative Research: BPC-A: Improving Metropolitan Participation to Accelerate Computing Throughout and Success (IMPACTS)". I have provided itemized responses to correspond to the comments from the review board.

- a. *Recruitment.* Here is a short script to respond to your question of how the survey will be explained to students. For all schools:

I am going to pass out a questionnaire that is completely optional but will help us to evaluate the presentation. You can skip any questions that you wish, and the survey is anonymous, so do not put your name on the survey.

For schools requiring a signed assent form, we will add:

We do, however, need to obtain a signature on a separate form just indicating agreement to participate if you are going to fill out a survey, so we will send that around first.

For schools that do not require a separate assent form, we will add:

As indicated on the survey, filling the survey out constitutes agreement for the data to be used to assist in the design of future programs.

- b. *Consent.*

Attached are revised parental consent forms, one for schools that permit passive consent and one for schools that require active consent.

- c. *Consent Form.*

The consent forms no longer include a signoff for student assent. The questionnaire already indicates that completing the questionnaire constitutes assent, and a separate assent form is attached for those schools that have such a requirement.

- d. *Cooperating Institutions.*

- i) The Learning Partnership is acting as a co-investigator.
- ii) Steven McGee's IRB training completion certificate is attached.
- iii) Approval will be obtained from school-based IRB's as needed after Loyola IRB approval.

Sincerely,

Ronald Greenberg