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Letter to Rose cantu from State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations Department of Education

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Ms. Rose Cantu, Program Director
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Dear Ms. Cantu:

Thank you for meeting with us on November 8, 2004 to discuss the progress of your 21st Century Community Learning Center. There was clear evidence of on-going communication and coordination between the Broad Street Studio and the RI Training School. We were pleased to see that your program activities were responsive to the needs of the target population. The activities were varied and innovative.

However, we are deeply concerned about the number of students and youth served by your program. Your original proposal that was approved for funding, stipulated that you would be serving 192 students and youth per week. We do not expect your program to reach the target number in these early stages of development. However, the very small number of clients served is so far below the target that this issue must be addressed immediately.

Please submit a plan that includes specific strategies to increase the number of youth served at both sites by January 28, 2005. The goal is for you to implement these strategies this winter so that your spring progress report will reflect improved participation in your program.

As always, we are available to provide technical assistance to support your program’s development.

Sincerely,

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