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Dr. Peggy G. Carr
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National Center for Educational Statistics
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U.S. Department of Education
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Dear Dr. Carr,

Thank you for your offer for the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to provide a letter of endorsement for the Middle Grades Longitudinal Study of 2017-18 (MGLS:2017). However, we are declining to provide such an endorsement at this time. Further, we will be letting our districts know that we have declined to endorse this study, yet that districts may choose to participate individually.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melina Wright", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Melina Wright
Federal Liaison Administrator