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Subject: RE: kern foundation - principal training system

Patricia,

Thank you for looking into this for us. The news is disappointing, but I'm not really surprised. We'll keep moving forward!

I have a small project that is exciting that I want to run past you to see if you having any possible funding ideas. I'll give you a call.

Thanks much!

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Subject: kern foundation - principal training system

Deb and Chris,

I have been trying to follow up with Ryan Olson with the Kern Family Foundation to see which of our chiefs made it to the next round of consideration for their funding grant. I've been particularly concerned since you were not getting any feedback directly from Kern.

I finally was able to talk with Ryan today.

He said that all the chiefs (except Florida) put a very strong showing in their proposals to implement a principal recruitment and training system. The Kern family members are interested in moving forward with Indiana and Oklahoma.

Specifically, Ryan mentioned both of you as having really good proposals. However, the Kern family members are leery of the political environment that exists in your state to actually make the program sustainable over the long run.

Ryan told me that he was going to try to get back with each chief with feedback in the next month. I wanted you to go ahead and know.

Patricia

p.s. we will continue to look for other philanthropists who are interested in backing efforts of our chiefs. We hope more opportunities will arise after/during the summit in October in San Francisco. The Philanthropy Roundtable membership will be attending our summit – they are hosting their annual event the day before our summit and encouraging their members to stay.