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Dear Jarett Fields and Sue Gramling,

As 2r Charter School Special Education Coordinator, I have been working through a discretionary grant from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction with 2r Charter Schools in the Milwaukee area. The grant is managed through CESA 1 and we are in our fourth year.

Since Dr. Echols has come on as principal at North Point Lighthouse, I have met with her and the special education team. Several special education issues have been discussed and I appreciate that changes have been made in the area of special education at the school. One example of an issue where changes were made involved a student on a shortened school day due to parents enrolling her in a day treatment facility for part of the school day. After our discussion, the special education team at North Point completed a Functional Behavioral Assessment (FBA) and a Behavior Intervention Plan (BIP) for the student. The FBA and BIP were very thorough, complete, and addressed the needs of the student. The special education coordinator at North Point made certain that the student's IEP contained language as to why the student was on a shortened school day and how the school would begin to extend her day until she was back fulltime.

Several meetings are on the calendar in the near future for Dr. Echols, the special education coordinator, and myself to discuss other special education topics and address any questions staff may have.

I appreciate the manner in which North Point has made changes within a short period of time. This is a very positive change that can only benefit special education students at North Point Lighthouse.

Sincerely,

Linda Baldus

Cc: Dr. Echols
Adam Peck
Khorl Whittaker
Sue Jamback