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DATE:

September 16, 2013

TO:

Lakes and Prairies Adult Basic Education Consortium Members

FROM:

Stephanie Drange, ABE Program Coordinator

RE:

Consortium Agreements/ Adult Basic Education Report Card

I am sending the newest consortium agreement to all member districts. Park Rapids and Nevis school districts have joined our consortium this year. Both daytime and evening classes are held at the Park Rapids Community Education facility. Please sign the enclosed agreement; keep one for your records and return the other signed copy before November 30, 2013.

The Adult Basic Education (ABE) division of the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) issues an annual report card for ABE programs across the state. The programs are rated based on the proportion of students that complete their assigned education levels and how the consortium ranks in comparison to other programs across the state. The Lakes and Prairies ABE program has historically been in the top ten programs in Minnesota. Once again this year, we have met or exceeded our goals. I have enclosed the report card from FY 2012. There are three different categories in which we are rated: ABE ALL, ABE, and ESL.

If you have questions regarding GED or ESL services for adults, please feel free to contact me at any time. The following is a list of teaching staff in the consortium and their contact information.

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• Pat Puetz- ESL in Pelican Rapids and Frazee

• Cheri Danielson- ESL in Pelican Rapids

Leah Hamann- ABE/ESL in Wadena

Diane Anderson- ABE/ESL in Wadena

Kate Scherfenberg –ABE/ESL in Battle Lake

Liz Stone- ABE in Park Rapids

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Thank you for your continued cooperation and participation in the Lakes and Prairies ABE program!