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Jeffrey Benatti, Director  
New Castle County Head Start  
256 Chapman Road  
Newark, DE 19702

Dear Mr. Benatti,

Thank you for submitting a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Early Childhood Assistance Program (ECAP). The RFP Review Committee met on July 10, 2013 to discuss the applications to serve seventeen young children in the ECAP that were submitted to the Delaware Department of Education (DDOE).

After careful consideration, the New Castle County Head Start Program was selected as a recipient of the ECAP grant. The submitted proposal provides a plan for an innovative collaboration with the Red Clay Consolidated School District (RCCSD). The plan follows the Head Start Performance Standards and will benefit young children and their families living in a high poverty community in Wilmington. Additionally, this grant will help New Castle Head Start to retain children that would have been eliminated from Head Start because of sequestration.

Thank you for your continued commitment to providing quality early childhood programming for young children. New Castle County Head Start Program (NCCHS) will now serve an additional seventeen children, bringing the total enrollment to sixty-six children.

I will contact you to schedule a meeting to determine how DDOE can provide support to your program as you develop a new partnership with RCCSD. Funding is available for start-up costs to address the unique programming described in the grant application. I look forward to working with you this year.

Please feel free to contact me at ([verna.thompson@doe.k12.de.us](mailto:verna.thompson@doe.k12.de.us)) if you have any concerns.

Sincerely,

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