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Alfred A. Barrios, Ph.D.
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Dear Dr. Barrios:

Your letter to Superintendent Paul Pastorek was forwarded to my office for a response. Thank you for contacting us about the *Self-Programmed Control Center* products and training. We are impressed by the results that you stated were achieved in the areas of dropout reduction and academic achievement.

As with other State Education Agencies, many of the programs in the Louisiana Department of Education (LDE) are funded by the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE). The USDOE requires that programs purchased with federal funds have been evaluated using scientific approaches and that the evaluation findings have been subjected to critical review by other researchers. In addition, the programs must have been replicated in a variety of settings.

We are very interested in reviewing the research behind your program. As you suggested, LDE staff reviewed the information on your website to obtain a more comprehensive view of the products and services that you offer. They were unable, however, to locate research information about the program.

While we cannot require school districts to adopt a particular program, we can share information about the program and encourage them to consider it in addressing the areas you target. We can also add your name to the list of potential conference and workshop speakers after we have had an opportunity to review the research information about your program.

I hope you find this information helpful. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Robert Schaff, Section Leader, Division of Student Learning and Support, at (225) 219-0367 or 1-877-453-2721, or you may email him at robert.schaff@la.gov.

Sincerely,

Donna Nola-Ganey, Assistant Superintendent
Office of School and Community Support

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c: Paul G. Pastorek, State Superintendent of Education
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Michael K. Coburn, Director of Student Learning and Support

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