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Dear Principal Jennifer LaFromboise-Wagner,

My name is Professor Leslie Allen, a faculty member of the Materials Science Department at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. I am the Principal Investigator of a NSF (National Science Foundation) Award and I personally coordinate all the activities within the award. One important segment of the award focuses on the Broad Impact of the award interacting with groups outside of the typical science research community typically in the form of science camps where my students and I travel from UIUC Illinois to present and participate in hands-on workshops.

I have worked with your wonderful science teacher, Melody Small, over the last ~10 years (2015). Not only is she a natural fit with the basic science behind the (solar and wind) projects but she has fantastic teacher-student resonance with young people. More importantly Melody has given us incredibly broad and deep insights into the Blackfeet Native American community both in spiritual and nature aspects.

Please accept this invitation for your science teacher Melody Small to again help us to organize and instruct the NSF science camps in the coming year(s) and grant her permission to help us.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie Allen

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