

November 18, 2013

Dear Promise Zone Review Committee,

On behalf of Clare-Gladwin Regional Education Service District (RESD), the intermediate school district for Clare and Gladwin counties, I strongly support the Promise Zone application submitted by Northern Transformation.

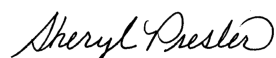
As one of 56 intermediate school districts in Michigan, Clare-Gladwin RESD helps the five public school districts in Clare and Gladwin counties with educational programs and services that are best provided on a regional basis – those that are highly specialized or those that are more cost-efficient to do together. These offerings include career and technical education classes for local high school juniors and seniors, special education services for students age 0-26, early care and education resources for families with children younger than five, afterschool and summer-school enrichment options, and more.

While the RESD is passionate about providing students with the best educational experiences as possible, with Clare and Gladwin counties ranking among the poorest in the state, our organization – like many others in our region – often faces barriers due to limited resources. Although we are skilled in creatively stretching every dollar to maintain Clare-Gladwin RESD's reputation of financial responsibility, enhanced access to additional funding would help us to expand and strengthen our programs to further prepare our communities' kids for successful futures.

Clare-Gladwin RESD is confident that providing a quality education to the members of our surrounding villages, cities, and counties is essential to creating and maintaining a safe, healthy, and thriving region where people desire to work and live. Clare-Gladwin RESD is committed to collaborating closely with participating partners in improving educational opportunities in order to help our region reach its fullest potential.

We look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,



Sheryl Presler, Clare-Gladwin RESD Superintendent