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Sent: Monday, October 13, 2008 4:23 PM
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Subject: FW: WWC Beginning Reading Review of Accelerated Reader/Reading Renaissance
Attachments: RLI response to WWC on AR Oct08.pdf
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From: Eric Stickney [mailto:EMSTICKN@renlearn.com]
Sent: Monday, October 13, 2008 4:22 PM
To: Tahra Nichols; info@whatworks.ed.gov
Subject: RE: WWC Beginning Reading Review of Accelerated Reader/Reading Renaissance

Dr. Dynarski,

I am attaching a letter outlining a grave concern with the embargoed AR Intervention Report your staff provided this morning. In essence, one of the studies found to have met standards isn't actually a study of Accelerated Reader. The letter provides more information, and I would be happy to answer any questions.

Thank you,

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From: Tahra Nichols [mailto:TNichols@mathematica-mpr.com]
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Dear Mr. Stickney,

The attached letter is to notify you that the What Works Clearinghouse (WWC) has completed the review of the research on *Accelerated Reader* and determined that this intervention is

eligible for an intervention report according to the Beginning Reading review protocol. We have also attached a courtesy copy of the report which will be posted on the WWC website on October 14, 2008. As a reminder, this report is covered by the embargo agreement signed by you on June 12, 2008, requiring you not to copy, distribute, or discuss the report with members of the public outside your organization, prior to release of the report by the Institute of Education Sciences.

Sincerely,

Mark Dynarski

Director, What Works Clearinghouse

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