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Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 7:41 AM
To: What Works
Cc: Neil Seftor; Sarah Wissel; Sakari Morvey; Quinn Moore; Emily Caffery;
Roberto Agodini; Michael Ponza; Jill Constantine
Subject: Re: WWC High School Math Review of I CAN Learn

I would respectfully request that you delay publishing this report, because there seems to be an inconsistent application of study review criteria. With respect to the Barrow study, other high school studies reviewed by the WWC included 8th grade students. Further, our middle school reviewers in 2009 declined to include these 8th grade students in our 2009 middle school report, saying that the Barrow 8th graders would be included in the high school report. With regard to the Kirby Catoosa County Georgia study, it previously met WWC standards and was a part of our 2007 middle school report. It was dropped from the middle school report in 2009 when 9th grade was assigned to high school. This study should be grandfathered in under the WWC standards that allow for earlier studies to be accepted as properly randomized between test and control based solely upon the researcher's assertion that they were.

All I am asking is for fair and consistent standards in conducting our high school review.

Thank you,

John Lee

On Feb 27, 2012 9:05 AM, "What Works" <whatworks@mathematica-mpr.com> wrote:

Dear Mr. Lee,

The attached letter is to notify you that the What Works Clearinghouse (WWC) has completed the review of the research on

I CAN Learn and determined that this intervention is eligible for an intervention report according to the High School Math review protocol. We have also attached a courtesy copy of the report which will be posted on the WWC website on February 28th, 2012. As a reminder, this report is covered by the embargo agreement signed by you on August 4th, 2010, 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,
Jill Constantine

Director, What Works Clearinghouse

