From: Barron, Rob (Harkin)
To: Olesen, Susie
Subject: RE: Skills Iowa Communication
Date: Monday, February 01, 2010 5:45:12 PM

Susie-

Thank you for the email. You should not feel bad for not reaching out to me and I would hope that no one has given you the impression that I'm upset with you. In fact, since Bev retired (this past fall) I have been filling in her with Iowa education work in addition to my other duties. But that is not a change that I have strongly advertised in the education community. I'm just now making an effort to get out in front of a lot of our friends in the education community.

I would like to both set up some visits and find a time meet with you. One possibility would be the two of us going out to some schools next Friday the 12th. I know many are in DMPS which I'd be interested in seeing, but I would also like to see some schools in the program from other districts if you think it would give me a better grasp of the program.

In the meantime it would be nice to find some time to talk on the phone this week about the state of the program. I've been tasked with staying involved as it goes through its next year. Through conversations with Jeff Link and the IASB leadership, I've become better informed of the issues that have plagued IASB- mostly tied to the fiscal management- and would appreciate your thoughts on how those issues have been addressed and the direction of the program. Tom wants this program to succeed and believes you're a critical part of its success and those are messages I have conveyed every time I've spoken to the leadership at IASB. Are you available sometime this Thursday afternoon to talk? My calendar is free after 1pm.

Thanks again for reaching out.

Rob

From: Olesen, Susie [mailto:solesen@ia-sb.org]
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2010 3:10 PM
To: Barron, Rob (Harkin)
Subject: Skills Iowa Communication

Hi Rob:

I been informed of your concern that I may not have kept you up to date on the Skills Iowa grant activities, so I wanted to be sure to figure out a way to do that. Bev used to go on school visits with me occasionally and that seemed to work well. Additionally we had regular phone conversations – at least once per quarter, but more often monthly.

I'm wondering if you would like to go on a couple of school visits with me? I could sure set up a day of those. Also, I could send you an email occasionally about what's happening with the schools or we could talk. Let me know what will work for you. Thanks, Rob.

Susie

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