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Dr. Will Diehl  
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Central School District 104 is a suburban Kindergarten thru Eighth grade district with a very diverse population of students. Due largely to budgetary constraints in the current economic climate, Web-based learning strategies have become an important component of supplementing our traditional classroom instruction. We use on-line learning strategies extensively in our RTI, Special Education, Title I, and Gifted programs. Resources provided by the National Education Foundation (NEF) are a substantial part of our strategy for a host of reasons. In particular, these resources correlate with Illinois State Educational Standards allowing us to customize learning plans for each student to further enhance their overall educational experience, while maintaining or exceeding the requirements by our State.

Central School District 104 has been collaborating with the NEF's Cyber Learning Academy for 2 years. As the Academy director, I work closely with Dr. Kuttan and his staff to provide a positive and rewarding digital learning environment for our students. I have been profoundly impressed not only with the level of quality and professionalism, but also with the personal care and commitment shown by the NEF staff and Dr. Kuttan. Every teacher strives to unlock the hidden potential in each student and NEF stands beside us in discovering the creative keys to student success.

The NEF is absolutely committed to bridging the educational gap in our small school district. They are singularly focused and dedicated to helping all our students advance a full grade level in 20 to 25 learning hours via the cost effective Cyber Learning Total Solution. NEF staff regularly support and communicate with us by providing technical support, mentoring, teacher training, teacher-parent-student motivational incentives and solutions. In addition, the Academy director is awarded a stipend through the NEF. The NEF also provides a Learning Management System for tracking student progress and real time reports for our district's superintendent, school board and the Internal Revenue Service.

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Through the National Education Foundation's commitment, we are able to meet the needs of many traditional and non-traditional learners. Working with the NEF through the Cyber Learning Academy is an effective and efficient way to prepare our students for high school, college and the 21st century workforce. NEF is a true asset to our entire school district and community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lesley Grady". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "L".

Lesley Grady  
Cyber Learning Academy Director