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## **Letter of Support for ACELLUS Program**

I returned to Plainfield High School on July 1, 2011 as Interim Principal. At that time the school's graduation rate was below 75%. This low percentage rate put Plainfield High School in the category of a focus school with the DOE, state of New Jersey. Needless to say, this was a matter of deep concern for the PHS community. As we looked for causes, and reviewed the data we found one area of major concern. That was our inability to equip students to recover credit and to catch up on credits that they needed to graduate. There was one system we used that was extremely expensive, somewhat effective, and not user friendly.

So our search began to find a program that would give students the opportunity to recover credits and earn credits to fulfill graduation requirements. As our search continued, ACELLUS was recommended to me by the District's Secondary math Supervisor, Ms. Kim Morris. She told me that the middle schools were pleased with the results they were receiving. The middle school Principals confirmed that they used the program and realized excellent results. They all recommended the program very highly.

Our leadership team reviewed the program and liked what we saw. The program has exceeded the needs of our students by offering a very wide range of courses. The feature that is most exceptional is that students can work anytime or anywhere they choose, and/or work under the guidance of a tutor.

Since we've begun using ACELLUS our graduation rate has steadily increased. So much so, that our 2014 graduation rate climbed to 90.1%. I can honestly say that a huge part of this success can be attributed to the ACELLUS Program.

ACELLUS has my highest endorsement.