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TO: Jeannine Durkin, Acting Superintendent
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FROM: Paul Schlichtman, Coordinator, Research Testing & Assessment
RE: Three research requests by LPS staff members
DATE: September 13, 2018

School Committee Policy LC requires school committee approval for research conducted in our schools.

The following staff members are participating in the University of Massachusetts – Lowell (UMass Lowell) practitioner based doctoral program. As part of their requirements, they need to complete a dissertation-in-practice study. The program requires a form of action research, in which the participant focuses on a problem and the research focuses on addressing that problem.

- **Jennifer McCrystal**, Director of Special Education
- **Matthew C. Stahl**, Principal, Dr. An Wang Middle School
- **Deanna Stanford**, English Teacher, Lowell High School

This work is under the direct supervision of UMass Lowell faculty. The work has the approval of the UMass Lowell Institutional Review Board. It meets the requirements under Policy LC for approval by the school committee.

I am forwarding the three proposals for school committee approval.