



EVALUATION AND RESEARCH
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Over the past several years, EDSTAR has worked with the Evaluation & Research Department (E&R) of the Wake County Public School System in a number of ways and on a number of projects:

- **Data/information exchange related to high school block schedules.** E&R was evaluating the effects of the block schedule in high schools. E&R used some of the results generated by EDSTAR from a high school project that they were working on at the time.
- **Grant-supported program evaluation.** The E&R Grants Management Team is responsible for assisting schools and district departments in preparing grant applications to various funders. On occasion, the grant application has required the identification of a project evaluation. On several occasions, this evaluator has been EDSTAR. Most recently, EDSTAR has been responsible for evaluation of the Smaller Learning Communities grant.
- **E&R-supported program evaluations.** E&R entered into a service agreement with EDSTAR to secure qualitative data related to the Supplemental Education Services provided to students at Hodge Road Elementary School as part of their Title I school improvement efforts.

It is clear, then, that EDSTAR has carried out a number of activities in cooperation with the Department of Evaluation & Research. In addition, EDSTAR has worked with the Student Support Services Department of WCPSS. EDSTAR's work has always been completed satisfactorily and has led to additional work being offered to EDSTAR by WCPSS E&R department.

If I can offer additional information about the working relationship between WCPSS's Evaluation & Research Department and EDSTAR, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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