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Dear Dr. Daisy,

The Regional Educational Laboratory (REL) Pacific at McREL International invites you to join the REL Pacific Governing Board as a constituent member for the contract that began on April 3, 2017, which continues through December 2021. Your active participation on the REL Board is critical to ensuring that the REL Pacific work will be successful and meet the needs of your jurisdiction and the region.

As a member of the REL Pacific Governing Board, you will have the opportunity to network and collaborate with other constituent members, including presidents and other leaders from local colleges or universities, as well as the leaders of the K–12 education systems in American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Hawai‘i, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau.

Stakeholders across the Pacific have organized into researcher–practitioner partnerships that REL Pacific will support to address high-priority policy and practice issues. The REL Pacific Governing Board will support and guide the work of partnership members and the REL Pacific team on the design and content of our applied research, technical assistance, and dissemination activities.

There are four core priorities that REL Pacific will seek your advice on as a member of the REL Pacific Governing Board:

1. College and career readiness and success;
2. Teacher development, including professional learning for inservice teachers and the preparation of new teachers;
3. Early childhood education, including early literacy: How can more of our third graders become proficient readers?; and
4. Pacific cultural education, which includes issues such as multilingualism and culturally responsive instructional models.

Governing Board member roles and responsibilities include:

- Attending two in-person Governing Board meetings in the Pacific region each year.
- Providing strategic guidance on how REL Pacific operates and on the ongoing collaborations with Pacific stakeholders.
- Annually provide independent assurances to the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) in the US Department of Education that REL Pacific's plans meet your needs and that the work of REL Pacific has helped stakeholders access and use evidence in decision-making. You may be asked to fill out a brief survey about REL Pacific's work for IES.

We genuinely look forward to having an active REL Pacific Governing Board that works to ensure that REL Pacific's work is useful and addresses important challenges that faced in the region.

Please reply to me and Rebeka Rainwater ([rrainwater@mcrel.org](mailto:rrainwater@mcrel.org)) by May 8, 2017 regarding whether you will be able to serve.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, and thank you.

Sincerely,



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