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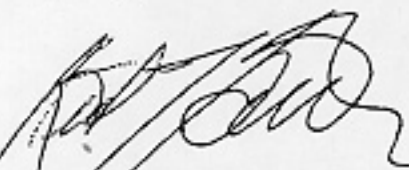
Dear Brian,

I am writing this letter in support of your NSF proposals regarding the NDSU WWWIC group research projects in virtual worlds for education. As you know, I have been involved in issues surrounding evaluation and assessment of technology in education, generally, and simulations, specifically, for many years. My current work, which involves, in large part, looking at how to extend the efficacy of technology in the educational setting encompasses the dissemination and development efforts that you have proposed.

Your effort to further the development and dissemination of the work you have carried out thus far is of considerable interest to me. I find that I refer to your work often when I am asked for good examples of how this technology can be used. If there were, on the one hand, primary resources available to people who deliver instruction and, on the other, allied course materials, I know that many of those with whom I speak would not only be interested in these materials but would also be likely candidates for adopters. I am pleased to do all I can to make that so.

In short, I look forward to working with you on this research, should it be funded, and will be available for the assessment component of your work.

Sincerely,



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