



June 25, 2026

Dear Carina Harrigan,

Congratulations! I'm pleased to share that **IGNITE DeKalb County School District Teacher Residency Program** has been awarded a Year 8 grant through the **Boundless Educators Initiative (BEI)**. We're excited to welcome you to the BEI community.

As we move forward in Year 8 of BEI, the importance of preparing and sustaining teachers who reflect and understand the communities they serve has only grown. Your proposal demonstrated a strong commitment to that work, and we are pleased to partner with you in advancing it.

This was our most competitive application cycle yet. We received more proposals than ever before, with applicants requesting more than **\$14 million** in funding. While we were not able to fund every request in full, we are pleased to invest in your work through BEI.

IGNITE DeKalb County School District Teacher Residency Program has been awarded **\$130,000**, pending NCTR's receipt of funds. The grant term is **July 1, 2026 through April 30, 2027**.

Next steps:

- Submit a revised budget reflecting your final award amount by **July 24, 2026** to **bei@nctrresidencies.org**. Use **Columns H and I** on the "**Budget and Financial Reporting**" tab.
- Your grant agreement will follow in a separate email and is due **August 7, 2026**.
- A member of the BEI team may also reach out to gather additional information or provide onboarding support.

Thank you again for your submission - and welcome! We're looking forward to working alongside you. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Keilani M. Goggins, Ed.D.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keilani M. Goggins", is positioned above the typed name.

Managing Director, Boundless Educators Initiative