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Dear Douglas Wehner,

On behalf of the United States Department of State, I would like to congratulate you on being selected for the 2019 Fulbright Leaders for Global Schools Program. Over 70 administrators from across the country applied to the program, and you are among 10 outstanding education leaders who will be joining this inaugural cohort.

The mission of the Fulbright Program is to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. The Fulbright Program awards more than 8,000 competitive, merit-based grants annually to teachers, university students, scholars, artists, scientists, and professionals from across the United States and in 160 countries who exchange ideas and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns.

The U.S. Congress provides funding to the Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs for Fulbright Leaders for Global Schools Program. We are also grateful for our partnership with the Fulbright Commission in Helsinki, Finland, for their design of the program. Together we collaborate with IREX, an international non-profit based in Washington, D.C., that implements the program through a cooperative agreement.

The Fulbright Leaders for Global Schools Program is being launched to provide elementary and secondary school and district leaders with the opportunity to learn with and from colleagues in high performing education systems. Your program will include briefings on Finland's renowned education system, school visits, and networking events. Our goal is that through your participation you will be able to adapt best practices that you observe in Finland into your home schools and districts. We will be eager to hear what you learn and share in Finland, as well as how you apply these learnings once you return home.

Enclosed you will find the terms and conditions of your grant. Please take the time to carefully review all these materials. IREX will be providing you with details about your participation in the program, pre-arrival activities, and international travel.

Again, congratulations and welcome to Fulbright. Based on the experience of educators in other programs, we believe you will have a transformative experience that will broaden your perspectives and your professional networks within the United States and Finland.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Gibson
Branch Chief
Teacher Exchange Branch