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Dear Chairmen:

I am writing this letter as Chairman of the Business Education Technology Alliance (BETA) to fulfill the reporting requirement of GS115-C-102.15. The Business Education Technology Alliance is required to report annually in the month of December to the State Board of Education and in the month of January to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee. The required report "may contain a summary of recommendations for changes to any law, rule, and policy that would improve implementing education technology in the public schools."

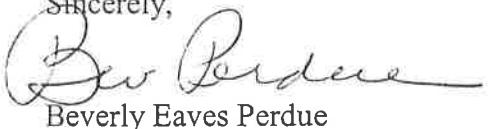
Since its members were not appointed until November of 2003 and the first required reporting date immediately followed, the BETA does not have recommendations to make at this time. However, the Alliance has begun meeting, assigned its committees and developed its plan of work so that full recommendations can be made to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the first Friday in January, 2005 after receiving endorsement by the State Board of Education in December, 2004.



We are excited about having this opportunity to develop a vision for a technology literate citizenry in 2025 including the needed infrastructure, professional development as well as a funding and accountability system. We also look forward to sharing our recommendations with you and the General Assembly.

Please let me know if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



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C: Howard Lee, Chairman, State Board of Education
 Robin Johnson, Staff, Joint Education Oversight