



## MEMORANDUM

TO: News Editors, Education Writers

FROM: Gretchen Wolfram, Communications Director

RE: TEAMS

DATE: November 2000

Lilly Endowment Inc. is pleased to announce a new program: TEAMS – Targeting Educational Achievement for Maximum Success. TEAMS is a competitive program for public school districts in Indiana.

The program will encourage various constituencies in Indiana's public school districts to collaborate in developing innovative ways to improve selected aspects of their districts' educational enterprises. In the case of each school district, a group of five to seven people will constitute that district's team. The team will include the district's superintendent and at least one from each of the following groups: principals, school board members, teachers, and parents who are not also members of the school board.

The enclosed Request for Proposal (RFP) outlines the details of the program for your information. We hope the RFP will trigger conversations leading to proposals designed to achieve significant improvement in the stated area of concern and, ultimately, to increase the number of Indiana students prepared to succeed in higher education and the global economy.

We also have sent copies of the RFP to principals, superintendents and, through them, school board presidents. The proposals in this competitive program are due March 1, 2001, and the Endowment will accept only one proposal per public school district. As many as 10 grants of up to \$25,000 each will be awarded next spring. If you have questions, please contact me at 317/916-7304.