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Dr. Neil Pedersen  
Executive Director  
Central Carolina Regional Education Service Alliance  
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Dear Dr. Pedersen:

North Carolina Central University School of Education proudly serves as a vital conduit for teacher preparation in North Carolina. Generating a pipeline of new teachers to meet the full range of needs in today's classrooms, we are committed to providing North Carolina schools with excellent teachers to serve diverse student populations.

The School of Education has partnered with many of the districts in the Central Carolina Regional Education Service Alliance (CCRESA). We are very interested in joining CCRESA as a partner to support our regional districts in collaborating on culturally responsive instructional practices and cutting edge professional development.

The School of Education consist of award-winning faculty engaged in innovative research which contributes to the design and implementation of effective professional preparation programs. Our students are grounded in both theory and practice thriving to become highly competent educational leaders, scholars and researchers.

We look forward to partnering with CCRESA and its school districts in building strong schools for the children of North Carolina.

In Truth and Service,

Audrey W. Beard, Ed.D.  
Dean  
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