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Dr. Knerr,

Lori Thompson has been serving as a District 214, Forest View Educational Center, Technology Intern since August 2000 to meet a goal of integrating her undergraduate course work at Roosevelt University with the research needs of our Technology Education division. Lori volunteers an average of 15 hours per week as a team member of the "District 214 Laptop in the Classroom Pilot Research Project." The team members include: Marilyn Kulieke, Director of Research and Evaluation and Student information; Ken Wiseman, Technology Coordinator, and myself.

Her involvement in the iBook project thus far has included:

- revision of the original student and teacher on-line feedback instruments.
- the decision of sampling methodology.
- the research for, and weekly generation of, the electronic notification instrument.
- collection and analysis of the pilot data sets.
- refinement of the student feedback questionnaire through the process developing the constructs that necessitated those refinements.
- the determination of qualitative analysis methodology.
- assisting Dr. Kulieke with the organization of the statistical data and analysis.
- communication with teachers, students, technical staff and our web consultant via phone, site visits and email, on behalf of the iBook team, to facilitate this phase of our research proposal.

Lori is providing an valuable service to the district and this project. She is available to tie all the pieces together. Without her efforts, I truly believe this project would stagnate and fail.

There are still 18 student data sets to be collected and analyzed, the coordination of pre and post test data to be correlated to the teachers and student feedback instruments and tech databases, as well as the final study submission to the District 214 School Board. Therefore, I find no difficulty in projecting that Lori will continue to integrate her learning goals through both Roosevelt and District 214 through the Spring 2001 semester.

In fact, Lori has indicated that she plans to continue her internship with us until the end of May. If you would like further discussion or have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Keith Mann
 Director of Media and Network Services