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I am employed by National Heritage Academies, Inc. (NHA), an educational management organization based in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where I work as a Manager of Intervention Services. My career in education began after I completed my Bachelor of Arts degree at Grand Valley State University, where I am also currently pursuing a Master of Arts degree in English Literature. My experience in the field of education includes working with charter schools in Michigan, Colorado, Indiana, New York, North Carolina, and Ohio in the management of state and federal programs, including Title I, IIA, IID, and V programs, among others. My expertise lies in working with schools as they develop and implement effective, research-based intervention strategies for at-risk students, and includes the facilitation of grant-related activities such as budgeting, proposal writing, and consulting on effective best practices that accelerate student attainment.

I have also consulted with a number of charter schools—both within and outside of Michigan—as they worked to implement research-based school improvement process activities. Specifically, I have assisted and guided school improvement plan and schoolwide plan development, comprehensive needs assessments, the identification of and development of schoolwide reform strategies, and school improvement evaluation efforts. I am familiar with contemporary school improvement research, including the work of Robert Marzano, Mike Schmoker, Michael Fullan, and Douglas Reeves, and enjoy working to apply their findings to promote quantifiable and sustainable change in school and student performance.