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Dear Ms. Larned,

We are happy to have been chosen as the hub for the Stone Soup Leadership Institute's Global Technology Initiative. We are impressed with the Institute's mission of training young and emerging leaders to build a better world and your goal of maximizing new media technology to inspire, connect, train, and empower young people working with the Institute's youth-community initiatives around the world.

Our students will be the beneficiaries of some of the innovative educational technologies this program has to offer. This will allow them to develop their leadership skills; broaden their perspective on sustainable development; and develop and present their vision for their life, their Island and their world. During the Institute's action-learning laboratory on the Vineyard, young people will document the Institute's programs including the Youth Summit for Sustainable Development, edit footage and feature it on **Martha's Vineyard Community Television**. Our partnership began with Ms. Sherri Church, MVRHS Schools-to-Careers Coordinator, who selected our first intern. Freshman Eli Dagastino has begun his high-level internship training and learning valuable skills; editing videos on the Institute's youth leadership initiatives which will be featured on MTV and uploaded them to the Institute's Youtube channel, which was launched this summer with a Tribute to Walter Cronkite (Youtube: stonessoupleaderinst). We are especially pleased that he is attending the Caribbean Media Exchange conference in St. Lucia. Upon his return, Eli will produce a video of his experience which will be shown on MTV.

We lend our full support to this partnership and appreciate the Institute's cost-effective collaborative model to realize goals during these economic challenges. We believe this partnership will creatively contribute to the education, social, and environmental challenges facing our Island and the world, and create a powerful multiplier effect for future generations and long-term sustainable development.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Nixon".

Steve Nixon, Ed.D.
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