

October 1, 2001

Carol Kostyniak,
BISSNET Project Director & WNYPRI Chairwomen
1250 Amherst Street
Buffalo, New York 14216

Dear Ms. Kostyniak:

As Executive Director for the Center for Great Lakes Environmental Education, I support the Western New York Partnership for Regional Internetworking (WNYPRI) in your pursuit of grant funding for the regional video conferencing center from the 21st Century Fund of the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo.

The collaboration between WNYPRI and the Center will significantly help to promote Great Lakes environmental education resources available to K-12 teachers through high quality videoconferencing and related applications.

It is my hope that the WNYPRI secures funds to establish the regional video conferencing center that would enable the community to share the networked facility and meet the immediate needs of the partnering organizations to utilize the technology for broadcasting to a wider audience. With the resources that educators would obtain and broadcast to their classrooms, students will be made keenly aware of our nation's largest freshwater resource and the current state of the Great Lakes.

Sincerely,

Natalie Bulera
Executive Director,
Center for Great Lakes Environmental Education