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Dear A/Professor Shah

I refer to your application to conduct a research project in NSW government schools entitled *To analyse and report on the SALSA program data collected by schools in 2014/15*. I am pleased to inform you that your application has been approved. You may contact principals of the nominated schools to seek their participation. **You should include a copy of this letter with the documents you send to schools.**

This approval will remain valid until 23/04/2015.

The following researchers or research assistants have fulfilled the Working with Children screening requirements to interact with or observe children for the purposes of this research for the period indicated:

Name	Approval expires
Smita Shah	01/04/2019
Corinne Geraldine Patching	30/09/2018
Vanessa Amy Shrewsbury	11/01/2019
Amy Jane Andrew	06/09/2018
Crystal Denise Hillery	06/08/2018.

I draw your attention to the following requirements for all researchers in NSW government schools:

- School principals have the right to withdraw the school from the study at any time. The approval of the principal for the specific method of gathering information must also be sought.
- The privacy of the school and the students is to be protected.
- The participation of teachers and students must be voluntary and must be at the school's convenience.
- Any proposal to publish the outcomes of the study should be discussed with the research approvals officer before publication proceeds.

When your study is completed please email your report to: [serap@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:serap@det.nsw.edu.au).

You may also be asked to present on the findings of your research.

I wish you every success with your research.

Yours sincerely

Dr Susan Harriman  
**Leader, Quality Assurance Systems**  
8 May 2014