



EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

May 12, 2009

Colleagues:

The purpose of this letter is to extend an invitation to you to attend a special signing ceremony of a Memorandum of Understanding between the **Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History and College of Education's Office of Urban Education and Educational Equity**. The partnership with the Museum, planned to be mutually beneficial, will assist the Museum's capacity to accomplish its mission and goals by helping it:

1. Design, produce and evaluate the use of online and printed educational materials that support both state and national curriculum goals in African American history and culture;
2. Distribute and encourage the use of these materials in the classrooms and the homes of students;
3. Train teachers and parents in the effective use of these materials;
4. Create materials that support multicultural teaching and learning, closing the achievement gap;
5. Develop strategies and programs to address educational challenges faced by urban students in a period of dramatic technological and economic change;
6. More effectively use its historical and cultural resources to address the critical social and educational challenges of the state and nation;
7. Evaluate and improve both its existing web based and on-site educational programs, i.e. guided tours, workshops, exhibition design, educational materials, online modules, virtual exhibitions, etc.
8. Staff educational programs through internships, teacher placement programs and practicum experiences, etc.
9. Create programs that will encourage and motivate young people to invest in education;
10. Seek and obtain funding from public and private sources to support its ambitious educational agenda and programs.

There will be an official signing of the Memorandum of Understanding during an Education Open House at the Museum, "Innovating Education for the 21st Century" on Monday, May 18, 2009 at 4:30p.m. The signing will take place at 5:30p.m. Refreshments will be served. The Museum is located in Detroit at 315 East Warren Avenue (just east of the Detroit Institute of Arts and the Science Museum); Detroit MI 48201 (313-494-5800).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vernon C. Polite".

Vernon C. Polite, Ph.D.

Professor and Dean