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Secretary DeVos,

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Congratulations! I admire  
the grace and determination you  
showed under such pressure -  
a great example for women of all  
ages. We share a passion for  
all children and the quality of  
their education. Let me know if  
MSU or I, personally, can be helpful.

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SECRETARY OF EDUCATION  
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THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20202

May 2, 2017

Lou Anna K. Simon, Ph.D.  
President  
Michigan State University  
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Hannah Administration Building, Room 450  
East Lansing, MI 48824-1046

Dear *Lou Anna* Simon:

Thank you for your kind note. I appreciate your support and your commitment to ensuring the best education for all children!

Thank you also for the MSU coin - it was a kind gesture on your part, and I am pleased to accept it.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

*Betsy DeVos*  
Betsy DeVos

**Washington, Wendell**

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**From:** Washington, Wendell  
**Sent:** Monday, June 26, 2017 10:37 AM  
**To:** Washington, Wendell  
**Subject:** MSU College of Human Medicine - Grand Rapids Research Center - Invitation  
**Attachments:** DeVos.req.ltr.GRRC.2017.signed.pdf

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**From:** Mayes, Edgar **On Behalf Of** DeVos, Betsy  
**Sent:** Monday, June 26, 2017 7:34 AM  
**To:** 'Jennifer.Roy@hc.msu.edu'  
**Subject:** FW: MSU College of Human Medicine - Grand Rapids Research Center - Invitation

Dear Dr. Tomatis and Dr. Beauchamp:

Thank you for your e-mail to Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos. Your invitation has been forwarded to the Secretary's Special Assistant and to the Secretary's scheduling staff for review. The staff there will evaluate your request and be in touch if there are any questions.

If you have any questions regarding the status of your invitation, the scheduling staff can be reached at 202-401-3043.

Sincerely,  
 Edgar Mayes

Director, Correspondence and  
 Communication Control Unit  
 Office of the Secretary  
 U.S. Department of Education  
 Washington, DC 20202

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**From:** Jennifer Roy [mailto:[Jennifer.Roy@hc.msu.edu](mailto:Jennifer.Roy@hc.msu.edu)]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 23, 2017 5:02 PM  
**To:** DeVos, Betsy  
**Cc:** 'sandil@rdvcorp.com'; 'tuist@rdvcorp.com'  
**Subject:** MSU College of Human Medicine - Grand Rapids Research Center - Invitation

June 23, 2017

Betsy DeVos, Secretary  
 U. S. Department of Education  
 400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
 Washington, DC 20202

Dear Betsy:

Congratulations again on your appointment to lead our nation's efforts in education. We are very proud that our great colleague and friend is dedicating time and resources to students. Education makes everything possible.

The Michigan State University College of Human Medicine cordially invites you to join our speaking dignitaries at the ribbon cutting ceremony of our Grand Rapids Research Center on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. We would be grateful if you would consider delivering a few remarks about the value of research and scientific discovery as a component of education. You will be pleased to know we are also inviting Dr. Francis Collins, Director of the National Institute of Health and Michigan's Governor, Rick Snyder, as well as other dignitaries.

The opening of the new research center will consolidate the strengths in discovery at MSU together with the excellence of the Van Andel Research Institute and other research institutions. This new, bio-medical research facility is a key part of educating the next generation of physicians, while at the same time, improving health care in Michigan and across the nation through research and innovation. This 160,000 square foot facility will house 44 principal investigators who will tackle some of the most difficult challenges affecting human health including Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, Autism and oncology issues with focused areas in genomics and predictive analytics.

Please consider our invitation to attend this momentous occasion for the College of Human Medicine, the university, the community of Grand Rapids and the state of Michigan. Please confirm your acceptance by calling 616-234-2785 or replying by email. Thank you for your consideration.

Luis A. Tomatis, MD, FACS, FACC  
Richard M. DeVos Family  
Director of Medical Affairs

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## Monroe, Tanya

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**From:** Mayes, Edgar  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 27, 2017 3:40 PM  
**To:** Manalo, Alvin  
**Subject:** FW: Confirming Secretary DeVos  
**Attachments:** DeVos.req.ltr.GRRC.2017.signed.pdf

Alvin ~

Please see inquiry below regarding control 17-013075.

Thanks,  
Edgar

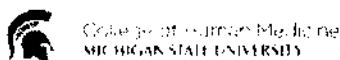
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**From:** Jerry Kooiman [<mailto:Jerry.Kooiman@hc.msu.edu>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 27, 2017 3:10 PM  
**To:** Mayes, Edgar  
**Subject:** RE: Confirming Secretary DeVos

Sorry – attached is the initial invitation. The date of the event is September 20, 2017 at 8:30am. The location is the MSU Grand Rapids Research Center, 400 Monroe NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503

**Jerry O. Kooiman, MPA**  
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**From:** Jerry Kooiman  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 27, 2017 3:08 PM  
**To:** 'Edgar.Mayes@ed.gov' <[Edgar.Mayes@ed.gov](mailto:Edgar.Mayes@ed.gov)>  
**Subject:** Confirming Secretary DeVos  
**Importance:** High

We are very excited that Secretary DeVos will honor us with her presence for the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Michigan State University Grand Rapids Research Center and to ask for a phone conversation relative to the travel and security needs of Secretary DeVos, as well as coordination of communication relative to the event. While she is from West Michigan, MSU is willing to provide travel and lodging if she desires. We have a room on hold at the JW Marriott Hotel in Grand Rapids.

In addition, I am wondering who I could talk to about planning for her security needs and the department's desire regarding communication of her presence at our ribbon-cutting. Could you please provide direction so that we can begin laying out the plans for the day and incorporate necessary security concerns into our overall planning for the event.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

**Jerry O. Kooiman, MPA**

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October 25, 2017

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Secretary Betsy DeVos  
U.S. Secretary of Education  
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Dear Secretary DeVos:



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I write to you during the Michigan State University "It's on Us" Week of Action, where our campus community of students, faculty and staff collectively commit to ending sexual assault. Although it is nearing our fourth year of hosting the week-long awareness campaign, student leaders have realized we can do more to support those who were sexually assaulted and left with little, and in many cases, no support.

As of recent, the Associated Students of Michigan State University (MSU's undergraduate student government) has adopted, and committed to fundraise toward a new initiative, ultimately helping survivors of sexual assault on our campus. **Today, I'm asking you to please consider pledging your financial support to this fund.**

A few short years ago an MSU undergraduate student, Meg Hughey, was assaulted by an MSU graduate student, Ben Dettmar. Dettmar was a teaching assistant in one of her classes, and they formed a relationship. His relationship with her quickly became emotionally abusive, and Dettmar began stalking her and compromised her consent to sex through coercion on at least two separate occasions.

The university found him responsible for sexually harassing Meg, and placed Dettmar on academic probation. Meg's incident prompted the University to re-open a prior case against Dettmar as well, and they found him responsible of other Title IX violations. Meg's case had Dettmar placed on academic probation; the findings of the Title IX office in the case that had chronologically first prompted them to recommend expulsion. The decision was overturned on the grounds that Dettmar had no prior



record of offenses, despite the fact that it was Dettmar being found responsible of an offense that prompted the second investigation to begin with. The university then turned his expulsion into a suspension that will expire in December of this year.

Coming from Meg herself, she has said, "there were so many costs I never could've imagine associated with sexual assault until I had it happen to me. Aside from obvious things like paying for gas/bus/etc. to get to and from meetings with the police and MSU, to my lawyer in Ann Arbor, and to the courthouse, there were so many other costs I wouldn't have thought of. Probably the biggest one was having to move out of my apartment because my perpetrator knew where I lived and the police didn't think I was safe. Besides just having the costs of moving out early, I also had to get a moving truck, and have people help me move. I got lucky because I was able to move in with my boyfriend and his roommates, so I didn't have to find an entirely new place on my own, but others aren't so lucky."

This semester, ASMSU established an endowment named in honor of, and called the "Hughey Fund," to financially assist survivors of sexual assault at Michigan State University. Students that seek assistance from the Sexual Assault Counseling Center on campus after being sexually assaulted may receive financial assistance to aid the financial burdens that may follow, like those that were named in Meg's experience above. The funds must be started by a counselor to be eligible for consideration, and any allocation per student may be up to \$1,500. To demonstrate our sincerity with the cause, ASMSU has voted to put an initial allocation of \$5,000 toward the fund, and will match up to \$20,000 that is raised before the end of the current fall semester.

While I know this is a controversial time for Title IX policy and procedures as it relates to sexual assault on our college campuses, **I hope that you heavily consider donating to the Hughey Endowment Fund and affirm your support for sexual assault survivors.** You can give directly by going to: [www.givingto.msu.edu/gift](http://www.givingto.msu.edu/gift) and search "Hughey Endowment Fund."

Our efforts in ending sexual assault not only requires commitment in our ability to step up and prevent it from happening to anyone in our community again, but also being an advocate for those who were stripped of their power to say "no" in non-consensual sex. No one should have to be strapped with numerous costs associated to getting themselves back to a safe, stable and reassuring place in our society after being raped.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Lorenzo Santavicca

Student Body President

Associated Students of Michigan State University

*SPARTANS WILL.*



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

November 6, 2017

Mr. Lorenzo Santavicca  
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Dear Mr. Santavicca:

Thank you for your letter to the Secretary of Education requesting a contribution for the Hughey Endowment Fund. I am pleased to respond.

We appreciated hearing about the Hughey Endowment Fund. Unfortunately, the U.S. Department of Education does not have funds available for the purpose that you have requested. I hope that you will understand.

Thank you again for writing. Please accept our best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Tracey St. Pierre  
Director, Executive Secretariat