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As the Coordinator of the iEARN Global Learning Circles project, I have had a long association with the My Hero Project. After meeting Jeanne Meyers and the staff of the My Hero Project at an International Education and Resource Network (iEARN) International Conference, we started a collaboration between our two projects that has reached hundreds of educators and thousands of students over a period of fifteen years. Jeanne Meyers has provided logistical and financial support to this project consistently for the length of our partnership. Our work has been presented at major international conferences such as ISTE, and we have supported individual teachers who have presented at local and regional conferences in Africa, Asia, Europe, and North America

We believe that our innovative approach of combining online collaborative technology with classroom language, artistic, and media presentation skills helps to promote peace, understanding, and cooperation among the youth of the world. Each year, educators from around the world participate and engage their students in collaborative learning activities facilitated by the use of the online educational tools found on the My Hero Website. Central to our instruction is the promotion of student investigation into the role of heroes and how they support the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) identified by the United Nations. Students identify, discuss, and advocate for these goals while engaging in collaborative sharing activities that promote writing, art, and media creation. Student voice and advocacy are rewarded through published finished student work and classroom activities on the My Hero Website. As an educator, I believed so strongly in this program that I integrated the project into my public school curriculum.

It is with full confidence that I support the work of the My Hero Project under the leadership of Jeanne Myers. She has provided children from all regions of the world the opportunity to express and share their ideas, opinions, hopes, and beliefs through creativity and various forms of personal expression. This project should be acknowledged for its contribution to the international educational community and its support of the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals.

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