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Dear Colleague,

The votes are in and we are happy to report that Lyrasis and NELINET members voted to approve the Board resolution for NELINET to join Lyrasis with a "YES" vote of over 94%. This vote sends a clear message that you, our members, understand we can achieve more together.

We are excited about the new opportunities for collaboration with peers at diverse institutions in 22 states throughout New England, the Mid-Atlantic, the Southeastern US, working together to help each other succeed by sharing best practices, participating in new education programs to meet the needs of members in all areas, and taking advantage of the greater savings achieved from strength in numbers.

Though we will now serve members in more than a third of the U.S., we are most proud of our commitment to local touch by staying connected to you through personal member visits, participation with you in state and local conferences, and through our support of programs in each state, each consortium, and with your communities.

The effective date for this union is Fall, 2009. Work has already begun on the organizational transition. We will keep you informed of our progress.

Today is the beginning of a new era of library cooperation. Lyrasis members will create even more opportunities to help each other succeed and in doing so, advance our profession, together.

Thank you for your vision and your overwhelming support.

Please contact us with any questions you may have regarding this and other issues at kate.nevins@lyrasis.org or 800.999.8558.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Lucia".

Joe Lucia
President, Lyrasis Board of Directors

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate Nevins".

Kate Nevins
Chief Executive Officer, Lyrasis

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