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Prof. Zdenek Zdrahal **Knowledge Media Institute** The Open University Milton Keynes UK

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Dear Prof. Zdrahal.

I am pleased to inform you that the system StudentAnalyse your team developed for early identification of at-risk student has been very successful. Based on the predictions calculated by this system and well-targeted interventions of our tutors we managed to increase the student retention by more than 49%. As you can imagine this has had a dramatic effect on the general well being and employment prospects for the affected students and more generally at our institution. The increase in the numbers of students now progressing (approximately from 50 to 70) have led us to reconfigure the 2nd and 3rd years of study.

We sincerely hope that our successful collaboration will continue to the mutual benefit of both universities.

With best regards,

Michael Valasek

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