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Mr. Herb Kranze

Dear Herb,

I congratulate you on the fine job of staff development that you provided for Whiteville High School. The numerous sessions that you directed, crystallized our goals and objectives for the improvement of instruction. More importantly, they led to a doubling of our tenth grade writing scores and an eight percent gain in our proficiency scores on the end of course tests. These dramatic gains, in a ten-month period, demonstrate the effectiveness of the goals and strategies that you and I developed.

The planning and customization of staff development to meet our school's needs, was a key factor in the improvement of our student performance on assessments. Furthermore, the follow up brainstorming sessions helped to sequence new material and re teach material that we felt needed reinforcement.

The rapport that you have developed with the staff *models* the concept of relationships. This *modeling* of all that you impart to our staff is the key component of our instructional improvement. The concepts that you *impart* to our staff, you also *model* for them to use with our *students*! It is your outstanding knowledge of instruction, coupled with your presence, which has made your presentations so well received and successful.

Your finest attribute is your personality and the ability to work closely with our administrative team. This closeness ensures that we strategize to improve weaknesses in instruction and maximize our strengths. I truly enjoy our planning and post workshop strategy sessions. I wish to thank you for the help and direction that you have given our faculty and more importantly, our students. With out your help, we would not have achieved our tremendous improvement. I look forward to working with you again as we enter our fourth semester of collaboration.

Sincerely,

John Westberg
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