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To: Dr. Bill Blokker

From: Drew Eichelberger
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Re: Literacy First Process

Dr. Blokker,

I wanted to update you on our school's progress in the implementation of the Literacy First Process. Our school has continued to improve our reading scores each year. We have made significant progress in closing the achievement gaps between our subgroups.

In 2004 our Reading Academic Performance Index was 639 on a scale of 0-1500. Our Reading API score for the most recent testing was 1298. We believe the Literacy First Process has made a huge difference for the students at Western Oaks Elementary.

I have seen an increased understanding of how to teach reading in our teachers. They are more confident in the skills. They use data to make decisions about what teach their students. They have solid evidence of their students learning.

The Literacy First Process has been the guiding force in accelerating reading achievement for all students in our school. I would recommend the Literacy First Process to anyone who is serious about improving reading performance in their school.

Sincerely,

Drew Eichelberger
Principal
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