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Dear Mr. Vigliotti and The Board of Education:

As reading teachers, Reading Recovery teachers, and a principal, we would first like to you thank you for the opportunity to attend the National Reading Recovery Conference in Columbus, Ohio. We had the pleasure of viewing and learning from many presenters that are experts in their field. We were able to engage in professional conversations that centered around our students and their current needs. It was amazing to see so many educators who shared the same passion for learning and furthering student success.

The conference focused on ways in which teachers and administrators could work collaboratively to ensure success for all students. At the opening remarks ceremony, the participants were encouraged to keep these four questions in mind throughout the remainder of the literacy sessions: What do we want our children to learn daily? How do we measure that? What do we do with students who are behind? What do we do with students who excel?

The conference provided us with direct opportunities to collaborate with our classmates, staff, and other Reading Recovery teachers from all over the world in the latest strategies and dig deeper on new understandings. It was inspiring to hear how presenters like Pam Grayson and James Schnug encounter passive students or students who need to become strategic problem solvers and what they do to create strategic and active learners. This type of forum, allowed us to be reflective and apply these ideas, prompts, and strategies upon our own caseload of students.

In addition, the conference's key note address by Anthony Muhammad reminded us of our responsibility in creating a school that has a high will to thrive and that is full of teachers who want to improve upon their craft. Within this type of environment, all students can receive access to a quality education that fits their needs, inspires them, motivates them to think critically, and prepares them for the world.

Thank you again for this life changing opportunity and for bringing Reading Recovery to our school.

Sincerely,

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