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To Whom It May Concern:

Grasslands Public Schools has been addressing the quality of student writing through a variety of writing programs over the past several years. We contracted Joanne Moore to conduct three full days of Writing Workshops on Story Language and Structure during the fall of 2007 for some of our k-6 teachers. Since then, many of those participating teachers have been keen in expressing their excitement and appreciation of Joanne's work:

"These workshops have given me a whole year of writing activities and a way to encourage the teachers that will receive my students ways to continue their journey with writing" – Grade 6 teacher

"WOW! It not only brought a whole new dimension to teaching writing, but also a fuller understanding of plot structures and patterns in reading" – Grade 3 teacher

"I see my students becoming more confident writers and excelling on the PAT" – Grade 3 teacher

"I liked having these workshops over three separate days because we had time to digest the information and use it in our classrooms to experience success and/or difficulties our students are facing" – Grade 1 teacher

"I see that even at my grade level the students are capable of a lot more than I had thought. My expectations were too low" – Grade 1 teacher

"After three sessions with Joanne I am much more excited to teach writing. I feel confident now that I know where to start and where to follow up with other strategies" – Grade 5 teacher

Our teachers are deeply satisfied with Joanne Moore's writing program and are confident that it can improve the quality of student writing within our Division. We already have requests from teachers to bring her back for more next spring!

Sincerely,



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