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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write a letter outlining the success of the Joanne Moore Writing Program, throughout our school division, Northern Gateway Schools, in general and more specifically at Pat Hardy Elementary where I am a teacher and administrator.

Joanne first visited our school division to provide inservices to teachers approximately eight years ago. She made a huge impact on language arts teachers and many of her ideas regarding writing immediately became part of classroom routines. Her strategies provide a writing structure for students that allow them to become successful authors. Students can expand upon this basic format using their own creative ideas to personalize their work. Assessment and feedback become much easier for teachers as they know exactly what to look for and how to help the child. It is a tribute to Joanne that after eight years many of the schools in our division are still using her techniques.

Teachers at my school, Pat Hardy Elementary School, are avid supporters of this approach. When I walked around to inquire about the writing programs, many teachers showed me resources that they actually keep right behind their desks that are written by Joanne; Circle Story Writing with Results, Dynamite Story Dictionaries, and Story Mapping with Success to name a few. Teachers also mentioned visiting her website which generously shares a lot of information from both Joanne and students who have willingly shared their work for teachers to analyze. Several requests have come in suggesting that we make arrangements for Joanne to visit our school again.

It is without hesitation that I recommend Joanne's work. She has made an impact upon how our teachers teach writing and our students have benefited as a result.

Yours sincerely,

Terry Marshall
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