

Littleton Elementary School



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To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept this letter of recommendation for Alice Greiner, author of “The Write Tools”. I have known and worked with Alice and her trainers for several years. Alice and I became acquainted through my roles as the NAESP AZ State Representative. We met via a breakout session in which she was presenting writing strategies and techniques for working with K – 12 students with varying levels of need. My association with Alice continued in my capacity as Federal Projects Director of Wickenburg Unified School District and most recently as principal of Littleton Elementary in Avondale, Arizona. Alice and The Write Tools staff have provided professional development in the area of writing utilizing the Write Tools.

As principal of Littleton Elementary School, I have contracted The Write Tools services as a professional development provider for the teachers within my school. My teachers have shared how useful the training has been as they enhance their abilities to teach writing to the students in our school-wide Title One School.

Alice Greiner and The Write Tools trainers provide dynamic professional development. Their presentations engage participants through activities that can be taken back to school and implemented immediately in classrooms. Teachers are able to immediately differentiate their strategies to fit the needs of their students. All the trainers are former classroom teachers with deep personal knowledge of the strategies as well as an uncanny ability to relate to teachers.

The Write Tools combines research-based, classroom-proven strategies with exceptional professional development. The deliberate integration of 6 + 1 Traits of Writing and the strong connections made to reading instruction gives teachers the skills and strategies to differentiate instruction and close student achievement gaps in writing.

As a principal of a school with a high number of English Language Learners and students from low socio-economic backgrounds, I have found that the strategies and techniques learned through The Write Tools have had a significant impact on our learners. We have received our state mandated assessment scores in writing and are celebrating our students’ accomplishments. This will be especially meaningful as our district assessment writing scores reflect positive growth since the training provided by “The Write Tools”.

If I can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

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