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To my fellow Missouri teachers:

The St. Joseph School District purchased the My Access program beginning the 2009-2010 school year. My first experience with the program was using it as a district writing assessment. But it wasn't until I began using the program for classroom assignments I discovered its power.

I could assign a writing prompt to 70 students and have the students receive instant feedback so they could self-edit. I had some students submit papers 23 times over the course of 3 class periods. Do you know how often students look at hand-written papers before they turn them in? I would say twice, if I'm lucky. I can't tell you the instant improvement of the final product I received from my students after using My Access.

The program is designed to grade on the six traits of writing, which is best practice for my district. What better way to reinforce these concepts than the My Access program?

My Access is an extra set of eyes for each student to aid me in conferencing. It's a thousand extra pairs of eyes during the editing process. This program is a dream designed to help students teach themselves to write better. It is a mighty tool to assist teachers in conferencing and pre-grading.

I highly recommend this program to any school wanting to improve the quality and quantity of their students' writing.

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