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Granite School District:

We are pleased to hear that you are going to allow some of the schools in our district the funding to license and use the My Access Writing Program. Some of our teachers attended the UCET conference a year ago and learned about this program from a middle school teacher in the Alpine District who is using it. They are now using it in most of their middle schools and high schools. After observing her enthusiasm for the program and hearing about their success with it, we presented it to our principal. We received the funding for it this year and purchased 300 licenses, so that our 4th-6th grades could use it. We especially wanted it for our 6th graders who take the Direct Writing Assessment.

This year was a bit of a learning curve for us with the program, but once we got going with it, the teachers who fully took advantage of it, truly appreciated what an awesome resource it is for our students. The kids are much more motivated to do the writing with the instant feedback and tools they have available to help them. No longer are the students writing a first draft and turning it in as a finished assignment, refusing to work on it any further. They are able to see their progress as they do the revisions and polish up their writing. The program is aligned with the six-traits writing program, so the students acknowledge and



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work to perfect each area of their writing. We are very anxious to use the program here at our school again next year. Thank you for investing in programs that are so innovative and motivating to our technologically advanced students.

Sincerely,



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