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Dear Bronwyn:

The excitement generated by the Orton-Gillingham training of the special education teachers in the South Redford School District was nothing short of amazing. The enthusiasm generated from these workshops created a flood of requests for additional sessions to make the general education staff aware of this teaching technique.

With special education teachers and general education teachers sharing this common knowledge and approach, we have been able to establish a stronger bond and united effort to more uniformly meet the reading needs of all children. The Orton-Gillingham instruction, provided by your reading specialist, Jeanne Luizzo, has been extraordinary. Each group that has completed the training has expressed an extremely positive response to the organization, the professional quality of the delivery of information, and the immediate rewards of being able to apply this information directly into the classroom.

Our staff was so impressed by student reaction to the Orton-Gillingham methodology, they wanted to extend and share this training with parents. Again, Jeannie Luizzo did not disappoint us, as parent response was exceptionally positive. The success of the initial Orton-Gillingham Parent Program has spread from family to family and holds enormous potential for parent support. As a result, we have scheduled another parent training session for the 1998 – 1999 school year.

In addition, we are training additional teachers in October of 1998 and plan to train our elementary aides in the multisensory teaching techniques during the first semester. There is no doubt that this training was the perfect addition to our reading program. It has served as a basis for generating a stronger degree of confidence in our teachers when they instruct children who experience difficulty with the reading process.

South Redford staff has maintained a genuine interest in applying the Orton-Gillingham process to our reading curriculum. We are very grateful for the opportunity you provided through the Institute for Multi-Sensory Education. Your professional commitment to this reading methodology and your effective coordination and practical training has generated a greater sense of direction to our staff in their ability to impact students in the area of reading development.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John A. Baluci".

John A. Baluci

Director of Student Services

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