



Re: Testimonial for Jigsaw Learning

Peace Wapiti School Division 76 has been engaged with Jigsaw Learning for the past 2.5 years. During the past 2.5 years Jigsaw Learning has assisted our School Division in embedding the Collaborative Response Model within every school. Jigsaw Learning has worked with all levels of District Staff throughout the implementation process from initial planning committees to administrator and staff presentations and most recently, providing assistance and leadership in developing a new software in cooperation with Intelmedia for use within the Collaborative Response Model. This new software will allow for better integration of data to inform our embedded team meeting conversations in supporting students and building staff capacity as we move forward.

I can honestly say that our District has undergone an evolutionary transformation of the culture in how we support students and collectively support each other. The focus on developing a shared responsibility for students within the embedded team meeting has provided staff a safe place to dialogue about students and for all staff to authentically collaborate in supporting students.

Peace Wapiti School Division has grown tremendously in supporting all students through a truly inclusive mindset. Student conversations have led to new and innovative interventions and accommodations and in fact has led to the development of our Student First Framework for Learning. This living document is an overview of supports for staff to help guide the embedded team meeting and resulting supports for students so that we ensure students receive the most effective interventions based upon their needs and what has been done to date.

Peace Wapiti School Division 76 will continue this relationship with Jigsaw Learning in the 2017-2018 School Year. Jigsaw Learning will continue to work with schools across the District through providing support for the integration of the newly developed software and for providing schools feedback on their embedded team meetings and school processes. This will be accomplished through a formative feedback process we are developing to facilitate ongoing growth within the Collaborative Response Model.

The team at Jigsaw Learning provide excellent support through their research based approach to supporting students and educators within a model that offers both flexibility and fidelity. The transformation of school culture and staff practice within our schools has been outstanding throughout the implementation process and the tailored support of Jigsaw Learning has helped to make this possible. The most important impact has been seen for students; students are better supported within inclusive learning environments as a result of our efforts within the Collaborative Response Model. I would highly recommend Jigsaw Learning to any school or District looking to systematically support their staff in their goal to comprehensively impact student learning.

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