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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of Learning-Focused. We started working with Learning-Focused in 2008. Since working with Learning-Focused we have accomplished many things. From a data standpoint, Penns Valley Area School District was a good performing district but we were concerned with our economically disadvantaged students. Since implementing the Learning Focused Model, the district has made significant improvement on PSSA test scores in all areas, but especially with our economically disadvantaged subgroup of students. Our entire staff is anxiously awaiting the 2010 results as we believe that we have made even more improvements. Most importantly, the Learning-Focused Model has given our entire district common language to discuss best practice research. The classroom walk-throughs have encouraged our teachers to open their classrooms and sharing among teachers has increased exponentially.

Learning-Focused associates are professional, knowledgeable and extremely accessible. They remember teacher names, stay in contact, and act as our cheerleaders as we hit road bumps and as we see success. Learning-Focused has been a much needed and welcome addition to our school/district improvement initiatives and we will continue to use their services as we continue to grow and improve.

If you should have any questions about Learning-Focused, I would be more than happy to discuss them with you. I can be reached at 814-422-8814 or sconnell@pennsvalley.org.

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