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Meeting the Needs of All  
of our Students in the  
21<sup>st</sup> Century

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of Learning-Focused. I have had the pleasure of being the Principal at Ventura Elementary School for the last five years. We began our Learning-Focused training during the 2006-2007 school year as part of our journey to meeting the higher standards.

Implementing the Learning-Focused Model has made a huge impact in our school and district. As a district we have been able to prioritize our curriculum and provided consistent instructional timelines. Our school has had an increase in the research based instructional strategies used in classrooms. Learning Focused is an excellent instructional model that is built upon reflective practice. The collaboration and reflection that has resulted from planning and working together to create our units and lessons has helped to build a strong culture of learning. We have had a decrease in the number of discipline referrals in the last two years, increased our school letter grade from a C to a B, and are more focused on individual student needs.

The Learning-Focused associates are professional and knowledgeable in their curriculum areas. Their presentations contain research based instructional strategies that our teachers are able to easily incorporate into their instruction. The consulting days have given our instructional staff an opportunity to continue to work with Learning-Focused team members as we expand our knowledge of best practices.

Learning-Focused has made a difference at Ventura Elementary, it has allowed us to concentrate on the curriculum standards, best practices, and meeting our students' individual needs.

Sincerely,

Janice C. Franceschi  
Principal