



# Madrona Elementary School

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Dear Superintendent Adams and Board Members,

It has been a good term at Madrona. Currently we are feeling successful with students making growth and our first round of Oaks under our belt. Our scores were decent. We are at our above the state in all grades and in all subjects. That is great! However, we have the most challenging work ahead of us. We still have many kids who did not pass. These are generally the students who have more challenges to meet in order to learn. So we are using our professional learning teams to analyze the data to help chart our path for the next several months.

Today, we met and discussed our scores and decided how we would look at our data. We will be specific in our interventions and we will use strand data to help us pinpoint specific areas that our kids need the most intervention with in order to be more successful. Our teams are collaborating on how to plan together and how to use each teacher's talents and successes to help grow others so over time we all have more tools to work with when teaching kids.

We hope in the end our test scores reflect this difficult journey we have taken this year as a school. I am so proud of my teachers and support staff for their efforts to work together for the common good! It's a joyful place for me to be as a principal.

I also want to thank our Superintendent and our directors for the very intentional work that has been done with us as instructional leaders. Each director has given us some specific training. Dave supported us in learning how to establish and lead professional learning teams (PLT's) in our schools. Debbie has provided outstanding training in how to effectively observe teaching so we can give well thought out feedback to our teachers to further impact their growth. Stephanie has helped us get a grant to begin using the Response to Intervention or RTI method that ties in the use of a strong core program with an effective, well thought out set of intervention and enrichment opportunities for students. Within that structure we apply the data about how students are learning so we can map out programs to meet each student's needs.

I am thoroughly inspired and excited to have the opportunity to learn more so I can better serve my staff, students and parents. My thanks to all of you for inviting administrators to use our voices to help you make decisions that are critical to the success of our students. I appreciate your work.

Please come see what we are up to at Madrona. We always enjoy a visitor, but especially appreciate visits from our board and Superintendent.

Sincerely,

Lise Van Brunt