

February 11, 2019

Mr. Tarasovitch and Mr. Holland,

Thank you for making me feel so welcome in your center. The visit was fantastic and once again I appreciated the lunch made by the culinary team so much.

I was amazed to see so much literacy in the programs as I visited. I was able to see a manual being made on the safety of a grinder, students playing a game in which they had to utilize a state website to find important information, use of journal writing, senior portfolios, presentations of researched information, and notetaking. The cosmetology instructor said, "Writing is my best friend"! She felt that she could see exactly what the students knew and what needed more work.

The visits with the teachers was very informative. Many of the teachers have clearly benefitted from the Collins Writing training you do in partnership with PDE. My hope for my role in literacy training for your school is to supply strategies to support the writing already being done and to emphasize the reading, listening, speaking, and observing aspect of literacy as well. I would like to perhaps introduce the staff to some vocabulary and informational reading strategies. I would like to give strategies that take students away from writing out definitions into a system of working with the definitions in order to interact with the words to learn the meaning.

I was truly happy to see that you have implemented the idea of literacy action plans for each of your teachers. I would like to see this process taken to the next step. I would be happy to help the teachers plan out this process if that is a need.

I look forward to getting the schedules for meeting with the teachers for March 4-5 and April 3-4. Thank you again for a wonderful visit and look forward to being a part of what you are already doing at ECCTC!

Debra