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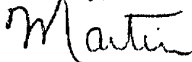
Dear Mr. Jackson:

As I mentioned earlier, the Seattle Public School Bilingual program used a portion of the EASY (English Academic Success for You) program in our 2004 summer Adult ELL class. Because we collapsed the summer adult program from two to one class, we were unable to accomplish as much as we had originally intended. Nevertheless the teacher of the summer adult class, Ms. Jane Lee, was impressed with the flexibility of the curriculum. She and students greatly appreciated the opportunity to take the videos home in the evenings to review as well as share their lesson with other members of the family. The parents also appreciated the down-to-earth approach of the material, focusing on day-to-day English language skills and everyday topics such as greetings, getting a license, visiting a clinic etc.

Though I have shifted my responsibilities in the Seattle Public Schools, I will promote the material in my new school and collaborate with the new SPS bilingual program manager to implement additional adult ELL classes this fall using the EASY instructional material. Our district program has 3 on-gong adult Literacy Circle groups throughout Seattle and it is our intention to expand the evening courses with the EASY curriculum.

I would encourage other districts to review the material and determine whether it meets their needs of assisting the families' English language skills and access community resources.

Sincerely,



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