

September 4, 2014

To Whom It May Concern,

I had the pleasure of working with Mr. Robert Kaplinsky in July of 2014 when he joined our district for an Instructional Fair for our elementary teachers. Mr. Kaplinsky worked with a group of about 125 teachers from our system for a full day of training. His professional development was both engaging and highly applicable to our teacher's work with the new Common Core state standards. Mr. Kaplinsky challenged our teachers to think in new ways and examine the Standards for Mathematical Practice. This work aligns very well with the professional development goals we are currently working on in our system.

Furthermore, Mr. Kaplinsky's content and delivery were refreshing in the traditional world of "sit and get" professional development. He engaged our teachers in the same type of problem-based learning tasks that he encourages we use with our students. Teachers participated in discussion, group work, reflection, examining student work, and questioning scenarios throughout the day. This work was highly appreciated by our teachers and we received excellent feedback about the value of teacher's time spent with Mr. Kaplinsky.

Although Mr. Kaplinsky was only able to join us for one day, his work has continued on in our system and the impact of our one day together has already spread beyond just the participants sitting in the room. He provided a wealth of free resources to our teachers that have enabled them to sustain the work that began during his session. Lastly, Mr. Kaplinsky demonstrated professionalism in both his communication and presentation, before, during, and after his time with Hall County Schools.

I highly recommend Mr. Robert Kaplinsky as both an educator and consultant. If I can help answer other questions, please don't hesitate to call me at 770-519-0840.

Sincerely,

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