

Principal Grant,

On behalf of the Director of the WSIPC Customer Connection group, Sue Furth and myself, I would like to take a moment to note our appreciation of the many ways that Dave Forrester is contributing to helping WSIPC provide Washington schools with better tools for utilizing data to best support their students. Whether it be hosting sessions at the recently concluded Washington WESPac User Group conference or facilitating a closer relationship between WSIPC and the Washington State Counselors Association, Dave is doing a great job in helping us improve our products and services.

Besides his professionalism and breadth of knowledge in the needs of school counselors, Dave's obvious love and respect for students is inspiring to be around and always keeps those he works with focused on what we are all about. Because of Dave's motivation to better use the data that resides in WSIPC districts' databases, we are moving forward with several initiatives that should result in counselors spending more time keeping students engaged in their education, and less time trying to assess and focus resources. We even have a much anticipated ad-hoc report for counselors that we nicknamed the "Dave report".

We also realize that in these tough budget times it takes real effort by administrators to provide their staff with the opportunity to participate in user conferences and initiatives to provide better access to valuable student data. We mightily appreciate this and thank you for your support of Dave's contributions to these activities.

Dave reflects so well on your staff at Olympia and we again very much appreciate him as a professional and on a personal level as a real teammate. Best of luck on the rest of this school year and our warmest regards.

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