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Mr. Larry Bell  
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Dear Mr. Bell:

Hattiesburg High School is having a great year! We completely embraced your strategies and have totally changed the culture of our school. We cannot be more pleased with the outcome. We have Twelve Powerful Words and UNRAAVEL posters displayed in prominent places throughout the campus, and it has made a difference. Your strategies have caused a paradigm shift for teachers and students alike. I was told that since my school was 97% free and reduced lunch, 98% minority and our Special Education population exceeded 190 students, that it was mathematically impossible for Hattiesburg High School to ever meet AYP. I am proud to report that through the grace of God, Hattiesburg High School proved that it can be done with minority students and children of low-socio-economic status. In September, we received our school's ratings, and the results were impressive. The Ninth Grade Academy and the High School met AYP standards for the first time in six years, with the Ninth Grade Academy improving by 49 QDI points, enough to receive the status of "Star School." This is the highest performance rating a school can receive in the State of Mississippi.

This improvement is remarkable, and we attribute our success directly to your program strategies. We are excited, and we anticipate great things for the current school year as well. The teachers are all abuzz about your professional development curriculum for themselves as well as for the impact it will have on our students. We will continue using Twelve Powerful Words and UNRAAVEL, but we also plan to integrate the Six Minutes a Day Strategy into our curriculum. Who knows what will happen then! Thank you for all you do and for helping Hattiesburg High live out the true meaning of our motto- Don't Just Be..... BE THE BEST!

Sincerely,

*Robert L. Sanders*

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**"Don't just be, Be The Best!"**

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