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Dear Larry,

You have a real cheering section at our school. I believe you have spoken to both Pat Creekbaum and Diane Byers in recent months. Diane asked me to send you some data that supports how successful the use of your program has been in helping to raise our FCAT test scores. Our 3rd-5th grade teachers are now using UNRAAVEL in both reading and math. The attachment shows our scores in reading and math for the past two years. We made gains in both areas but our greatest gains were with our lowest quartile and the teachers give a great deal of credit to the use of your program. It is so easy to use and students love to utilize it. Our K-2 teachers also saw gains last year as evidenced by the end of course exams, especially in reading. One second grade teacher was so excited by the growth of her students. When I asked her to what did she attributed the growth, she immediately said "UNRAAVEL! It has made a difference in the way I teach and the way students learn".

We began using the UNRAAVEL strategies for reading but we are now focusing on math as well. In addition, the Twelve Powerful Words are in every classroom and in the rest of the school as well. Diane Byers is our expert and has done an amazing job teaching the UNRAAVEL program to our teacher. She has been very willing to model the strategies for new teachers as well.

Recently the Florida Department of Education released the rankings for schools based on FCAT scores. Out of approx.. 1800 schools, Hammett Bowen Jr. placed in the top 20% with a ranking of 373. We had the fifth highest score in our district. Of course, having an outstanding faculty, hard working students, and supportive parents is a key ingredient to student success. My staff and I do believe the use of your program has helped our school as well. We look forward to working with you in the future as we strive to achieve excellence.

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