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Dear Ms. Jackson:

I am writing to inform you of the positive impact on teaching practices and student achievement my teachers experienced after attending your workshop and also after the individual coaching that was provided by you.

All of the teachers who attended the workshop were able to immediately implement a number of the strategies that were presented. Classroom management and engagement improved across the board. Additionally, more students brought their books and materials to class as well as showed improvement in academic success.

Portola is proud to say that we met our API with an increase of 22 points and all subgroups doubled or tripled their targets.

Thank you for your expertise and support to increase student achievement and improve teacher practices.

Sincerely,

Denise Van Hook