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To Whom It May Concern:

This year we have had the opportunity to have two outstanding educators present workshops in the Rahway School District. Nicole Pepe and Darlene Prott of New Jersey Teacher To Teacher began working with our Math Strategies Teachers early on. Their goal was to guide the teachers through a variety of best co-teaching practices to ensure the success of all students. Also, the comfort level of the teachers in these positions became an important factor.

Beginning with a detailed explanation of the six co-teaching models, Ms. Pepe and Ms. Prott allowed the teachers to explore the vast number of instructional possibilities available to them because of having two fully certified teachers working together in the classroom at the same time.

They were able to lead the teachers into the realm of learning stations which had not been a common practice in our middle school. Now, when you walk into a math strategies classroom you will see learning stations as an accepted practice. More critical math thinking skills are definitely being used. We want our students to be able to take what they are learning in their math classes and transfer that learning to solve more in depth problems.

Ms. Pepe and Ms. Prott have also been helpful in sharing co-teaching observation guidelines with the administration. We have been using these guidelines to check for evidence of success for both our teachers and our students. The ideas of these two teachers have been the driving force behind the support we have created for the practice of co-teaching and learning stations.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at 732-396-1015.

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