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Dear Mr. Gaines,

As an educator in the public school system, I'm a firm believer that *"it takes a village to raise a child"*. We're constantly partnering with others to help get our students to be college and career ready. RAP surely has had a huge impact on our school community. The turnout was just astonishing! The program drew in 400-600 attendees at EVERY RAP event! The fact that most families kept on returning and new families began to attend obviously indicates they found the RAP sessions beneficial.

I've read the many parent evaluations that you've shared with us over the six sessions that speak so highly of this program and the positive results on our families. The value returned in terms of building stronger family time and relationships; building a stronger love for reading amongst all family members, etc. were evident in the comments written in the evaluations and comments made directly to me. Parents, students, teachers, and other staff members have already asked me if we plan to have RAP return to Pohakea. What this program was able to achieve exceeded my expectations by far.

I am very grateful that Pohakea was able to be a participating school in this awesome program this year. It's been a pleasure working with you and the rest of the RAP staff. Everyone was extremely professional and worked hard to make this event for us a success. I appreciate everyone's diligence and "can do" attitude. It's been a great partnership and I look forward to working with you and your team again!

Sincerely,

Judi Wong
Principal