



June 16, 2014

To: Whom It May Concern

Re: Reference for Dr. Leslie Laud of thinkSRSD

Dr. Leslie Laud of thinkSRSD offered an outstanding course on Self-regulated Strategy Development (SRSD) for our faculty. Our faculty bought into this approach quickly and easily at the start of her workshop. She then kept our faculty genuinely and thoughtfully engaged throughout. She offered a mixture of interactive discussion, presentation of evidence-based practices, modeling of these practices and time for participants to actively rehearse the new practices being learned. Our faculty also had time to reflect on each practice and think through how they would integrate them with their existing instructional practices. Her presentation style was always clear and deeply inspirational. Evident throughout was her deep and long standing passion for writing, and for supporting teachers in learning how to best teach writing in ways that respect and mesh with their own styles. And, she brought a warm sense of humor to her presentation and was genuinely dedicated to answering all of our questions!

Our faculty left feeling excited, fully prepared and "ready to go", as one member told me.

I recommend Dr. Leslie Laud of thinkSRSD and the approach to writing instruction she taught our faculty fully, with no reservations.

Feel free to be in contact with me for any further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hal Hensler", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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