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Dear Fellow Educator,

I am writing on behalf of Anne Shaw, the Director of 21st Century Schools. I worked with Anne in the fall of 2013 when she presented a two day workshop to my faculty on 21st century strategies for teachers.

The school where I hired Anne to present had a teaching faculty that generally embraced very traditional methods. As the principal there, I spent 5 years urging the staff to explore research-based, brain-compatible, current teaching methods, and Anne's workshop was a great way to begin the 2012-13 school year. Prior to Anne's visit, as a faculty, we used the 21stcenturyschools.com website often. It is current and provides resources to fuel innovative ideas. It was a great resource to help prepare teachers for the workshops Anne provided us that fall.

Anne was able to meet a rather reluctant group gracefully and most professionally. Her expertise became apparent as she worked through a number of strategies that required the teachers to use their own creativity, work collaboratively, break out of their routine approaches, and share ideas. Through interdisciplinary project creation, team problem solving, and group demonstration, the teachers interacted in a way that was different from previous lecture-type professional development workshops. It was a pleasure to see how Anne's easy approach with them helped to make them comfortable enough to accept new possibilities and attempt new methods.

Working with Anne to prepare for the workshop was a pleasant experience as well. She asked many questions up front in order to prepare two days of workshop that would meet the specific needs of my school. She was very invested in making her time with us beneficial and effective. Anne also followed up with me frequently to see how the teachers were progressing.

I look forward to working with Anne again in the future if opportunity allows. I would be happy to answer any other questions you might have about my experience with Anne Shaw and 21st Century Learning. Please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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