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### **Testimonial of Kurtis Hewson and Jigsaw Learning**

We began our work with Kurtis Hewson and Jigsaw Learning aimed to provide an organizational framework that values collaborative, action focused responses, data-informed discussions and timely intervention to ensure ALL student can experience success. Kurtis has shared the Collaborative Response Model with our administrators early in the spring, collaborated with our Literacy Steering Committee to determine a Literacy Screen to use with all students K - 12 and just recently facilitated our opening professional learning day in August 2016.

First and foremost, Kurtis is extremely organised and lead us through a powerful process at our opening professional learning day. Kurtis has lived Collaborative Response Model (CRM) and has worked with a number of school divisions which gives him credibility and the ability to answer questions to help support the staff learning about CRM.

I really appreciated that Kurtis guided our school administrators to be the school group facilitators for the afternoon breakout session. It is powerful when the principal's primary responsibility is to promote the learning and success of all students and they are given the opportunity to lead their staff to promote learning. The principals were seen as leaders who focused on learning; encouraging collaboration; analysing results; providing support and the alignment of curriculum, instruction and assessment. The instructional leadership of the principal is a critical factor in the success of a school's improvement initiatives and the overall effectiveness of the school. Thank you for building that into the day.

The opportunity for schools to meet in team was extremely beneficial as I believe that collaboration flows from the assumption that the core mission of formal education is not merely to ensure that students are taught but to ensure that they learn. It is a simple focus from teaching to learning. The time in school teams built relationships, giving them time to be together and visualising their work was a shared responsibility. We also heard from principals and teachers how much they valued the time together. Again thank you for this opportunity.

Kurtis is a highly effective, powerful and inspiring educator, facilitator, trainer and mentor. Kurtis is the kind of leader that truly models the way, inspires others to take the lead and encourages the heart. His facilitation skills encourage groups to want to take a new approach, get a fresh perspective and deepen their connection to each other and their work.

Clearview Public Schools looks forward to the partnership with Kurtis and Jigsaw Learning in the 2016 - 2017 school year.

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