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To Whom It May Concern:

As the teacher contact for Polk County, I have received no correspondence or calls regarding paperwork concerns. Upon my observations as a classroom teacher and within conversations with staff at all levels, there is the realization that existing paperwork and computer hours are demanding, but overall necessary.

In the past school year, 2006-07, our district replaced the AIP form with a similar requirement - the ASP (Academic Success Plan). The form was redesigned and consolidated with other forms as addressed in the legislation. The legislation regarding School Improvement Plans for high performing schools is also in effect.

Improvements at the district level, primarily benefiting district staff, include the Eagenda for submitting items to the school board agenda. An electronic personnel action form for appointments and changes to be made electronically are in place.

At the school level, there were several schools (approximately 10 elementary schools) that had increased paperwork and computer input to maintain assessment data. These schools were operating with an older computer lab assessment program. However, all schools (elementary through high school) will have the Kaplan program in place this school year - eliminating additional input of data.

The district's curriculum maps have provided SSS and benchmark notation for planning and pacing. Use of the maps requires computer usage (printing, downloading, etc.) - but the maps promote accountability and are beneficial tools.

Sincerely,

Janice Gilchrest, Cleveland Court Elementary School  
Teacher Contact

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