



To: (Collaborating Teacher)

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This semester you have worked collaboratively with Library Media Specialists to meet various learning goals. Many of the collaborative projects completed at Millbrook integrate reading literacy, media literacy, and/or information literacy; and as we know, all of these elements are crucial to students' success as 21st Century learners. Numerous studies show a **direct correlation between student achievement and school library programs** when collaboration in those programs leads to teaching information skills, providing meaningful resources, teaching technology skills, enhancing reading skills, and so on. This letter will provide you with some information about the results of our collaboration.

After each collaborative project completed in the Library Media Center, we request that teachers complete a feedback form. This follow-up survey allows us to collect data about the implementation of collaborative projects, students' learning, students' success, and areas for improvement in the collaborative process or collaborative project. This feedback helps us make better data-driven decisions in our classrooms on a daily basis, throughout the semester, and from semester to semester.

Here are some quick facts about the fall semester of 2011 and the library media center. We continue to stay busy with collaboration and classes each day in the library!

- There were **710+ class visits** to the library during Fall semester (total visits for 2010-2011 was 1,485)
- A library media specialist was directly involved in collaboration, instruction, or resource access for **320+ class visits** during Fall semester (total visits for 2010-2011 was 660)
- On average, students assigned a collaborative project developed with their classroom teacher **and** a teacher librarian demonstrated over **94% passing rate** which will continue to improve our overall school retention rate (total passing rate for 2010-2011 was an average rate of 95%)
- **100% of collaborative projects** integrated *21st Century Skills* and the *North Carolina Information and Technology Essential Standards*

For your records, we have attached a copy of the feedback information you provided after each collaborative project. Please reflect on this information and consider how we can improve our collaboration and students' achievement. Thank you for working collaboratively in the Library Media Center. *We are proud of what we have accomplished this semester and look forward to working with you next semester!*

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