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I retired in June, 2007, after successfully teaching middle school math for 35 years in the Battle Creek Public Schools. School improvement has always been a district priority, and I served on the District School Improvement Team for many years and our building team. The school that I taught at, Northwestern Middle School, was a member of the Middle Start Initiative and I was a member of the team that worked with MDE on that project. We wrote SMART goals based on a comprehensive needs assessment, strategies to complete those goals, put in high quality professional development where needed, had teacher participation in assessment decisions, had a parent component, and worked with our federal and state resources to fund extra activities to raise our MEAP scores and student achievement. I have assisted in the writing of our schools State of Michigan's Public Act 25 plan.

Being a part of a Title I school, we were always looking at better ways to spend our money to get the most for each student. I coordinated the 6th Grade Orientation Program, worked with Western Michigan University in the summer Gear-Up Program, taught a double-dose Math class, and worked with our 21st Century after school program. I have taken the Title I Schoolwide Providers' Workshop Training Program and am ready to help you coordinate your plan so that it meets all requirements.