



I began my work with Life Long Learning Associates about 15 years ago as a member of a team that developed and implemented the State of Utah's Accreditation Program. Under the direction and leadership of Wendy Chalk and Steve Ramirez this team produced a comprehensive continuous school improvement model called Collaborating for Student Achievement. This process has changed education in our state.

After seeing the magic of their work, I engaged Life Long Learning with the staff at Mount Logan Middle School in a multi-year process of school reform. Mount Logan is a very large school with over 50% of the students on free and reduced lunch. One out of every three students is non-white. Within just two years remarkable changes were already occurring in student learning. After four years, all 40 of the sub-groups in NCLB met AYP, failures had dropped, attendance improved, and the school culture had changed. Teachers spent collaborative time using data to support decisions about learning. Parents became strong allies in the educational process. Mount Logan became one of the first one hundred schools in the United States to become a National School to Watch.

As Director of Secondary Education for the Tooele County School District, I have contracted with Wendy and Steve to help us implement comprehensive school-wide reform in our lowest performing schools. Most of the students in these schools come from migrant families and they need an opportunity to do their very best. I know that with the direction and leadership provided by Life Long Learning Associates we will move these schools from low performing to a place among the highest performing schools in the state.

Dan N. Johnson

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