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Mr. Bill Herries
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Dear Mr. Herries:

I just wanted to tell you about our experience with the A+ software at Kilgore High School.

We purchased the software about 4 years ago to use in a credit recovery lab we had built at the high school. That summer (2006) we began to use the software in our summer school program. This allowed us to serve the same number of students we normally enrolled in our remedial summer school (40) with fewer personnel. In the past we had employed 4 teachers to teach English, and Social Studies. In 2006, we only had to employ two teachers and one aide for the A+ lab. We used one teacher to help students with math and science (courses we had not been able to teach in summer due to lack of qualified personnel) and one teacher to help with English and social studies. The aide helped with actually running the software.

The result was that we were able to reduce the number of students having to repeat the ninth grade by almost 80 percent. Normally, before A+, KHS would have 30 – 35 students not earn enough credits to be moved to the 10th grade. Beginning with the fall of 2006, that number dropped to 5. Since that date we have been able to achieve the same type of results each year.

In addition, now we use the lab as a credit recovery lab during the school year. This has also been very successful. Every senior that has had to be assigned to the lab has achieved the credits necessary for graduation. Also, underclassmen have also been successful in obtaining credits they normally would have had to repeat the next semester or in summer school.

Kilgore ISD has been very pleased with the A+ program, and we feel it meets our needs in a very effective way.

Sincerely,

Bobby Wheeley, Assistant Superintendent