



COBB COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Attention: New York City Department of Education
Professional Development

It is my great honor to recommend to you the PLS organization to support your professional learning initiatives. We have had the opportunity to work with PLS in a continued relationship since 2003 as we have implemented professional learning communities and peer coaching in our schools. Specifically, Stephen Barkley has conducted numerous trainings, both at the district and local school level, to support the professional collaboration and continuous professional growth of our teachers. He is a most engaging staff developer who understands the complexities of quality professional learning that impacts practice.

Our goal, and that of PLS, from the onset was to provide a quality training program that would empower us to sustain the learning once the contract with PLS was complete. We also recognized that, in order for us to build that sustainability, we would need a well-planned training model that would provide ongoing support for skill development. Mr. Barkley proved to be an invaluable resource to us as we planned that model.

As a district we value that the PLS organization has provided continued support for us as a large urban school district to impact systemic improvement. We certainly look forward to future endeavors with PLS as we strive to improve professional learning within our district.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call. It would be my pleasure to discuss with you the outstanding service we have received from PLS.

Sincerely,

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