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Dear Mr. Gaines,

We are still on a high from the recently concluded final RAP session here at Honowai Elementary School. The session #6 finale was a highly charged, much anticipated, momentous culminating activity which highlighted our twelve week experience with the Read Aloud Program (RAP). What a ride! From the planning stages which began at the end of the 2009-10 school year through the last session, you and your staff were absolutely fantastic. The feedback from parents and adults attending the sessions, both written and oral, was overwhelmingly positive and supportive. Almost to a person, every adult asked when RAP would be able to return to Honowai and where else would it be headed so that they could possibly attend other session. We could not possibly hope for a better activity to boost our parent involvement that also had a profound impact on student and family literacy

The implications of RAP went far beyond developing a fondness and appreciation for literacy. The adults were truly appreciative of the non-threatening and fun atmosphere and welcomed strategies for effective parenting. TTTT was something which many had mentioned as a practice which was easy and effective in helping children focus on homework and in providing an appropriate setting for reading. Honowai appreciates RAP's role in promoting active participation and strengthened communication between parents and school. We are confident that these are steps toward forging trust and cooperation between our families, communities and us.

It is with boundless gratitude that we convey our appreciation for the tireless dedication of your staff, the volunteer readers, and special guests for everything they have done for our Honowai 'Ohana. We at the school and especially our parents and community look forward to working with you again in the near future. Read Aloud America and RAP are special in what they promote and provide for the keiki of Hawai'i. We wish you all the best in your upcoming and future endeavors. Take care and Aloha!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kent Matsumura".

Kent Matsumura, Principal