

KUDOS^{A+}

Sandy Tune, CRISS Trainer and Reading Resource Specialist at Newsome High School (Hillsborough County Schools) in Lithia, Florida, has nominated Mr. Patrick Bauer, technology education and drafting instructor, for a place in our Kudos section. Mr. Bauer, a retired high school principal from Indiana, is a first year teacher in Sandy's school. Sandy writes, "The day after his last training session here at school [April, 2004], he introduced,

modeled, guided, and applied the RAFT [strategy]. What a go-getter!"

Mr. Bauer had the students base their RAFTs on an article from *The Tampa Tribune*, April 15, 2004, which tells about the collapse of a bridge on an elevated toll road under construction. It begins, "Traffic jams caused by a bridge collapse on the Lee Roy Selmon Expressway should ease in time for the Monday commute, but officials won't know for months

exactly what happened or how to put the bridge back together."

Building on this information, Mr. Bauer had his drafting students write the following RAFT assignment: "You are the foundation (R) of the Crosstown Expressway that collapsed Tuesday morning. You need to write to the superstructure (A) that you let down. You'll write a letter of apology (F). You didn't do your job properly (T)."

Here are two samples from his class . . .

Dear Superstructure,

I regret to inform your Imperialness about my recent failure of support. It appears the late rains have opened a sink hole in the earth below me, and I fell through. Tests will be underway shortly to find the cause and discover practical ways to adjust me so as not to happen again. I simply lost my footings amongst the wet limestone and slid down into an underground fissure. I guarantee this will never happen again.

*With all sincerity,
The Foundation*

Dear Superstructure,

I'm sorry you didn't know that I had a sink hole beneath my soil. Next time, I'll make sure to let you know before you spend \$140 million, or perhaps your makers will remember to follow codes before building on me. Hopefully, they will remember that Florida has sandy soil which is likely to cave in, and it inevitably requires a gentle back slope and footing which extends to the original undisturbed earth, unless of course, the soil tests prove that the earth is sufficiently compacted to properly support such massive structures as yourself, respectfully. Lastly, they should remember that in addition to adding the weight of fore-mentioned structures, they should also add the weight of the machinery which will build it, because during construction, the load increases on the footing and compresses the average sub-grade soil. Such an incident can be ultimately fatal—considering I have a sink hole under my soil and you ARE one major load . . . again respectfully. Oh yes, and one more thing . . . I also need reinforcing steel bars in my footing, that way you can stay erect.

*Respectfully,
Your Foundation*



K U D O S
to Mr. Patrick Bauer
for jumping into
CRISS implementation
with such gusto!

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