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STUDENTS IN ELK GROVE OWN CRISS

At the end of last school year, we received the following e-mail from Melinda (Mindy) Warncke, a CRISS trainer and social studies teacher at Elk Grove High School in Elk Grove, Illinois.

"CRISS has been going very well at Elk Grove this spring. We have collected examples from all the teachers and have been very impressed with the variety of ways in which CRISS activities were used. Members of the visiting North Central Association team (a school accreditation committee) were very impressed with all that the staff has been doing.

I also wanted to tell you about our experience with state testing this year. I was proctoring a sophomore exam and was delighted to see the number of Venn diagrams, network trees (power maps), two-column notes, and other pre-writing strategies that the students decided to use on their own. They weren't told to use any of these strategies. They were given scratch paper and only instructed to prepare for their essay in any manner that was best for them. It seems that they have internalized the strategies and realized how valuable they really are!"

We appreciate hearing how CRISS is doing across the country and love to share results like this with everyone. Thanks, Mindy!

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