

MARTHA BRYAN, BRYAN & BRYAN ASSOCIATES

QUOTES FROM COLLEGE & SCHOOL CLIENTS AND PARTICIPANTS

Colleges & Universities

"All of us enjoyed the training very much. Most of the attendees are asking when there will be another one. Thank you."

*Harrietta Hanson, Personnel Director
Seattle Community College*

"I did really enjoy the class."

*Willie Larry, Personnel Officers
University of Phoenix Faculty (Hawaii Campus)*

"Your session was very popular with the participants, as you can see from the evaluations. I look forward to having you speak when we repeat this session."

*Nancy Sanders, Conference Director
Washington State University Cooperative Extension*

"I learned so much during the conference and from your workshops."

*Evelyn Brooks, Conference Planner
Pierce College*

"A number of folks have expressed that they very much enjoyed your presentation. We look forward to your coming back to work with the rest of the staff in September."

*Jeanette Phillips, Personnel Officer
Tacoma Community College*

"Martha, thanks for maintaining contact. I really appreciate your friendship."

*Joe Cheesman, Personnel Director
North Idaho Community College*

"Response from participants was overwhelmingly positive. Thank you again for your part in helping create such a successful event!"

*Michael Gordon, Personnel Director
Highline Community College*

"Your presentation was extremely well received . . . As a result, we would like to invite you to return and address our staff on a similar subject . . ."

*Pier Mitchell, Conference Planner
Clover Park Technical College*

"You shared tons of information — information that was usable and information that was straight forward. The information supported what we had been trying to get across."

*George Lanegraff, Faculty Advisor
Renton Technical College*

"From the looks of the evaluations, participants were not disappointed! Comments included, 'Very Valuable' . . . 'Excellent speaker!' . . . 'Funny Lady!' . . . 'Very Useful!' . . . 'Can we have her again?' We found it very helpful."

*Catherine McCollum, Administrative Assistant
South Seattle Community College*

". . . Thanks again for a great workshop. I hope your Roseburg stay was as rewarding as the workshop you provided for us."

*Jan Shipley, Personnel Director
Umpqua Community College*

"Your consideration speaks volumes of and serves as a wonderful example of your excellence in customer service. It was my pleasure to hear your presentation, and I hope to work with you in the future."

*Merrienneeta Nesbitt, EEO Officer
Washington State University*

"Our staff praised your presentation in many ways. I am glad that we asked you to speak on leadership and help us kick off eight more months of leadership development."

*Susan Andrews, Leadership Officer
Washington State University Cooperative Extension*

"Martha, thanks for what you brought to the conversation - integrity and taking responsibility for how things go in life. And you are absolutely right, at the end of the day you either have reasons or results....you choose. I don't think we can ever hear that message too many times. Thanks again!"

*Kristen Copenhaver, Student
University of Washington Health Info. Management*

"Thanks again for your training session. Staff came back with good feedback . . . It was a pleasure having you here at Shoreline!"

*Anna Sestrich, Conference Planner
Shorline Community College*

"Thank you. I really enjoyed the location and all the classes. Of course, your course was the best!"

*Shirley Miles, Conference Planner
Eastern Arkansas University*

"I have fond memories of you working with us. I miss good trainers like you"

*Nancy Reller, Training Manager
Walla Walla Community College*

"I very much enjoyed your presentations in New Orleans. You gave me a lot to think and soul search about."

*Wynn Landry, Participant
University of Louisiana Lafayette*

"It was great hearing you present yesterday. Thank you so much for coming to campus! Thanks again!"

*Kathe Snow, Training Manager
University of Hartford, Connecticut*

"I just wanted to thank you for speaking with me last night. I really enjoyed your lectures, but I especially enjoyed our talk. You made an impression upon me. Thank you for that!"

*Jeff Kissinger, Information Services Manager,
Grand Rapids Community College*

School Districts

"By far, Martha is one of the best facilitators I have seen . . . She is absolutely honest in saying what needs to be said and in addressing difficult situations - good and bad . . . She was very open, yet very professional. Her conclusions and ideas for fixing things were exactly what we needed . . . A great communicator, with a great personality and a passion to really want to help us, and that is exactly what she did . . . Martha is truly one of the great ones for this sort of mending, fixing, and healing process."

*Hollis Fletcher, Board Member
Naselle Grays-River Valley School District*

"Thanks! I really enjoyed listening to you speak. The session went by so fast; I could have listened to you all day! Your sessions made the entire weekend for me! You truly inspired me in many ways. You gave me some great ideas and inspiration on how to do even better. I will benefit from your presentation in my personal life as well! Thank you again!"

*Jessica Hardtke, Executive Assistant
Placer County Office of Education*

"Thanks for having provided the District with a superlative in-service. Your knowledge, presentation, and commitment are gifts you generously share and we are the richer for them."

*Dr. Annette Granier, Assistant Superintendent
Cheney School District*

"We all enjoyed the day with you. I have heard many positive comments from the participants and we plan to bring you back again."

*Judy Palmer, Executive Director
Canada Rocky Mountain School District*

"I would like to thank you for the workshop you presented. You have a special talent to be able to meet the needs of such a diverse group. Feedback to us has been most positive."

*Sylvia McGregor, Professional Development Director
Kootenay-Columbia School District, Canada*

"Thanks for spending your day with us. The workshop was just what the doctor ordered. You did a great job. You are my hero. I want to be like you."

*Steff Steinhorst, Teacher
Orcas Island School District*

"Martha, I really enjoyed your presentations . . . your advice and tips on remaining positive will certainly come in handy! Thanks again for your helpful information."

*Switanowski Anne, Program Director
Warren Consolidated Schools*

"You are a wealth of information. Your willingness to give of your time and expertise is greatly appreciated by our staff and by us."

*Jim Golubich, Support Services Director
Shoreline School District*

"Thank you so much for presenting the workshop 'Success Habits.' Per the evaluations, the information you presented will be of value to the workshop participants."

*Susan Montgomery, Professional Development Director
Educational Services District # 189*

"I appreciate your efforts to keep me posted regarding your work with the school psychologists . . . It has been a successful endeavor to get them to function more wholly as a group. If we have a similar need in the future, I certainly will call upon your expertise."

*Frederic Rowe, Executive Director
Northshore School District*

"Martha, Thank you again for the straight forward debrief. It's hard to take criticism, but that's the only way one can improve themselves. Again, thank you . . . you will see marked improvement in me and my staff when you return in January."

*Francis Bagarella, Transportation Director
Oak Harbor School District*

"Thank YOU for once again providing our staff a truly worthwhile workshop. As always, your knowledge and your ability to share that knowledge were very well received by your audience. I look forward to working with you in the future."

*Judy Jones, Professional Development Director
Lake Washington School District*

"Thank you so much. I so enjoyed the class. It was well needed. You did a great job. Again, thanks for your insights."

*Sherrie Russell, Professional Development Director
Coquille School District, British Columbia, Canada*

"Thank you for teaching the course "Effective Communication". We had many positive comments about this class and appreciate your efforts in helping us to provide quality training for our staff."

*Kim Kolberg, Professional Development Director
Central Kitsap School District*

"I really enjoyed your class. Your comment that 'life should be a white water experience' made me think. I plan on signing up for your next class."

*Lynn Bronson, Administrative Assistant
Shoreline School District*

"Thanks so much for your work with us this year Martha . . . both at the board level and at ISC. You have helped us move ahead step by step."

*Larry Nyland, Superintendent
Marysville School District*

"Thank you for your time and efforts these past few months. I really appreciate the work you've done with us and am looking forward to the work ahead. Thanks again!"

*Angie Hansen, Principal
Marysville School District*

"Thanks for all your helpful and inspiring ideas."

*Frances Hyde, Executive Assistant
Hampton, Virginia School District*

"Thanks for the training you provided this past Monday. It was a pleasure seeing you open up the group and get to the heart of some very important matters. We will continue the work you started and will have you back in the spring to evaluate our progress and celebrate our victories."

*Kevin Ferguson, Finance Director
Bremerton School District*

“WSSDA connected us with one of their consultants who turned out to be a real life saver! After talking with each school board member and the Superintendent, our first meeting with the consultant, Martha Bryan, was exactly what we needed. We immediately scheduled another workshop to complete our work. At our very next board meeting the atmosphere and collaboration were much improved. We feel like we are well on our way.”

*Dr. Ken Hoover, Superintendent
Monroe School District*

“We so loved having Martha and plan to do it again soon. Thanks for everything.”

*Michele Folen, Food Services Manager
Central Kitsap School District*

“We thank you for your contribution to a successful workshop. We received positive comments about the workshop from all in attendance. I found the information helpful and your style entertaining and humorous.”

*Gary Patterson, Superintendent
Summit Valley School District*

“I want to let you know how much I’m enjoying the professional excellence class. Martha has done an excellent job, and I think her information is very beneficial.”

*Sue Smith, Teacher
Kamiakin Junior High School*

“Bring Ms. Bryan Back! The material was timely, pertinent, and the presentation outstanding.”

*Bill Schalk, Board Member
Racine Unified School Board*

“Things are going very well for us; the workshop in August helped us to focus on our goals. Thank you for facilitating that.”

*Dan Bolender, Superintendent
McCleary School District*

“It is a pleasure to work with you. And your classes continue to be a hit. I do believe that I would probably be run out of Shoreline if I didn’t offer your classes. I will be in touch with you at the end of next week to get your handout.”

*Cathy Allred, Professional Development Director
Shoreline School District*

“Thank you for your time and ideas . . . I like your approach to goals and operating principles. You have good ideas and skills to build those into stronger agreements and commitments that will direct our steps in a positive way.”

*Larry Nyland, Superintendent
Marysville School District*

“We all enjoyed the day with you. I have heard many positive comments back, and we plan to bring you back again.”

*Judy Palmer, Professional Development Director
Rocky Mountain School District, B.C., Canada*

“Thank you for your participation in our Staff Development Program by teaching the class ‘Communication Skills for Site-Based Decision Making’. I appreciate your efforts to help us provide high quality, professional development.”

*Gail Robbins, Professional Development Director
Everett School District*

“Thank you. We all really got a lot from your sessions! We are still talking about it, we are still motivated and excited, and we are sharing several of the things we took from the conference with the rest of our staff. We are also using many of the tools and recommendations that you gave to improve our personal and professional lives. Thank you again!”

*Sally Marlow, Professional Development Director
Placer County School District*

“I want to express my gratitude for your excellent and unselfish participation in the National School Plant Management Association Conference. We extend our thanks and appreciation to you.”

*Tom Kuehn, Facilities Manager
Olympia School District*

“I can’t think of a higher recommendation for a trainer or program. Thank you!”

*Ralph Yingling, Facilities Manager
Monroe School District*

“Each time I have heard you present, I have learned something new and useful. Your style, with its enthusiasm, energy, humor and real world stories invariably grabs an audience’s attention and holds it.”

*Daphne Schneider, Executive Director
Edmonds School District*

“Thank you again for all your hard work and dedication to making these programs a success. You are a joy to work with!”

*Marie Rustemeyer, Satellite Telecommunications Dir.
Educational Services District # 101*

“Thank you for the wonderful job you did in preparing and delivering the in-service program. I appreciate the time and effort you put in to making it a truly professional presentation.

*Marie Rustemeyer, Telecommunications Director
Educational Services District # 101*

“The feedback gave participants food for thought. Thanks for coming here.”

*Agnes Sakakibara, Professional Development Director
Vernon School District, British Columbia Canada*

“Thank you so much for sharing your expertise and insights. We’d like to reciprocate by sharing the wonderful comments we gleaned from those who participated in your workshops.”

*Sylvia Sohlt, Professional Development Director
Edmonds School District*

“Martha, You are so special! My birthday is today, and guess what I received in the mail? Your book! To me the gift of knowledge has always been the most precious gift one can give. Just to let you know, your random (not so random really) act of kindness touched another human being in a very big way. Thank you so much.”

*Robert Spong, Facilities Director
Williamson County Tennessee Schools*

“Thanks again for the motivational boost. Program evaluations were very favorable.”

*Lynn Leno, Conference Planner
Douglas County Education Service District*

"Thank you for your part in making the Optional- Professional Day a success. You played an important part in making that day productive and interesting for all of the participants."

*Lynda Humphrey, Professional Development Director
Northshore School District*

"Use me as a reference should you ever need one. I would be glad to tout your talents to those who need a consultant."

*Alan Bennett, Superintendent
Naselle Grays-River Valley School District*

"Martha, thanks for being so kind to me at your workshop. I appreciate your listening to me and working with me . . . You helped me to regenerate my determination."

*Dr. Daniel LeVine, Superintendent
Lopez Island School District*

"Thanks for the great job you did in the training, and I want you to know you covered many areas that really help the crew to think about communication and how we treat each other. Again, thanks for your help and for doing such a great, professional job."

*Ron Carpenter, Facilities Director
Bremerton School District*

"I continue to hold you in my mind with high respect and regards to your work and the encouragement you give me."

*Julie Madsen, Training Officer
Mukilteo School District*

"I received many wonderful compliments on what an upbeat experience it was for them. I even had a couple of comments from the administrators who said that their employees came back in excellent spirits."

*Stephanie Curtis, Executive Assistant
Redmond School District*

"I would love a copy of your presentations that I was part of on Saturday . Many thanks if you can pass those my way. LOVED IT!!!! :)"

*Susie Kelly, Transportation Dispatcher
Shoreline School District*

"Martha, thank you for the information, and just thought I would pass on we heard a lot of positive comments about your presentation at the conference. Thank You!"

*Jim Auckland, Director
Kent School District*

"On behalf of Delta School District, I want to thank you for your presentation. It was a resounding success! I have heard many positive comments from attendees. It has been described as informative, educational, interactive, inspiring, exciting and fun!"

*Steve Cardwell, Program Committee Chair
Delta School District, British Columbia, Canada*

"Your handouts were visually attractive and user - friendly. Everyone commented on your animated presentation that was infused with humor, relevant real - life examples and audience participation."

*Dr. Mary Lou Johnson, Executive Director
Snohomish School District*

"Once again thank you for your excellent materials, your careful preparation and your presentation to our administrative team. I looked forward to an engaging and productive workshop, and you delivered!"

*Dr. Patricia Krueger, Assistant Director
Olympia School District*

"Thank you for the speedy work on the retreat goals and action plan ideas. I really appreciate your facilitation of the retreat. We accomplished a great deal."

*Dan Bolender, Superintendent
McCleary School District*

"Your fee was well worth it!!! Thanks."

*Karen Brown, Food Services Director
Sumner School District*

"Please tell Martha that once again her evaluations look great. I had a couple of people say that this last class was excellent, and that it should be required of all! I am sure we will be talking again next year."

*Cathy Allred, Professional Development Direct
Shoreline School District*

"Martha was so much fun! She was the high point in the conference."

*Kathryn Chandler, Executive Director
Pendergast School District*

"Thank you Martha for the handout information. Your presentation was very helpful. It confirmed some of the things I am currently practicing and alerted me to others that would be beneficial to incorporate."

*Cathy McDaniel, Transportation Dispatcher
Puyllap School District*

"Our team enjoyed your energy and came away with some useful information added to our "tool boxes"!

*Doreen Stewart, Transportation Manager
Renton School District*

School Associations

"Thank YOU! As a learner, I appreciate GREAT teaching and you did a wonderful job of teaching . . . I will certainly keep your name in mind for future reference!"

*Mike McGuire, Conference Planner
National School Plant Management Association*

"I am very pleased . . . you did a great job and really kept the attention from our attendee's. Your style is excellent having people laugh and wanting to hear your message. I am sure by the attention that all the attendee's had during your presentations they did."

*John Clark, Conference Chair,
Washington State School Transportation Association*

"Your reputation for quality in-service workshops and keynoting has given our program the extra "something" that we as teachers need. Thank you very much for spending the day with us."

*Jackie Floeke, Conference Director
Washington School Business Teachers' Association*

“ . . . Martha was so much fun! She was the high point in the Conference.”

*Kathryn Chandler, Conference Director
Arizona Pupil Transportation Association*

“Your presentation was very well received. ‘Best session I’ve attended’ was just one of the comments made.”

*Barbara Wright, Conference Director
Washington State School Personnel Association*

“Thank you for being a part of our annual conference. It was a pleasure to work with you.”

*Merrylea Hiemstra, Conference Director
Idaho Education Office Professionals Association*

“Thank you for your hard work and efforts in providing WSFSA with two wonderful workshops. Evaluations rate your informative presentations highly. Our members found them very worthwhile.”

*Gary Parnell, Conference Director
Washington School Food Services Association*

“Thank you for your professional growth presentation. You contributed greatly to the knowledge and skills of participants who face the daily challenges of leading school improvement.”

*Christine Tell, Conference Director
Confederation of Oregon School Administrators*

“Thank you for the time, energy and enthusiasm which you shared with us...the success of the conference was due to presenters like you.”

*Paul DuRose, Conference Director
Canada School Personnel Association*

“I have reviewed the conference evaluations and they are very complimentary of you and your presentation.”

*Karen Russell, Executive Director
Washington School Directors Association*

“You made quite a hit with the people from Virginia. You made quite a hit with everyone! Your name goes to the top of the list for future state conferences!”

*Karen Beeson, President
National Educational Office Professionals Association*

“I would like to thank you for coming to our conference and making the presentations. I look forward to working with you again in the future.”

*Laurence Graham, Executive Director
Alaska School Administrators Association*

“Thank you for your keynote address. We really enjoyed having you, and some would like to have you return for a longer session. Use my name as a reference with any school board association.”

*Judith Perkins, Conference Director
Wisconsin Association of School Boards*

“The staff very much appreciated your workshop. I heard a lot of positive comments on Monday at our staff meeting. You’ve already had an effect!”

*Martharose Laffey, Executive Director
Washington State School Directors Association*

“Thanks to you this conference has been a huge success. . . I hope that you will consider participating at the next conference.”

*Laura Hilzendeger, Conference Director
Washington State Business Education Association*

“Thanks Martha. Your message was appreciated. Good people like you who contribute to the growth and progress of our organization.”

*Russ Nickel, Executive Director
Washington School Business Officials Association*

“Those in attendance were universally complimentary in their comments on the content and delivery. Most felt we didn’t give you enough time, and obviously that is true. In any event, your message did come through, and we thank you for the fine job.”

*Henry Etchemendy, Executive Director
Nevada Association of School Boards*

“ . . . thank you for your professional growth presentation. You contributed greatly to the knowledge and skills of participants who face the daily challenges of leading school improvement.”

*Christine Tell, Conference Director
Confederation of Oregon School Administrators*

“Thank you so much for presenting your workshop to our staff. I have heard many compliments on a great workshop.”

*Mary Carr, Conference Director
National School Transportation Association*

“Martha, thank you very much for your thorough work and thorough report of the work for Marysville School District.”

*Phil Gore, Executive Director
Washington State School Directors Association*

“Martha you were a huge hit! Everyone enjoyed meeting you and found your sessions most informative. You and your staff were such a pleasure to work with.”

*Jeanne Davis, Executive Director
California Association Education Office Professionals*

“Your efforts helped make this workshop a very positive and rewarding experience. Thanks again for sharing your experience. Are you interested in returning for the spring conference?”

*Dr. Doyle Winter, Executive Director
Washington Association of School Administrators*

“Thank you for contributing to the success of our conference.”

*C. Russell Nickel, Executive Director
Washington School Business Officials Association*

“Please accept our appreciation for your presentation . . . We received positive praise and feedback about your contribution to our conference.”

*David Nollette, President
National School Plant Management Association*

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