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During the past two school years, Elizabeth Blandin and J.D. Sweet led the Central Kitsap High School staff development training in Cultural Proficiency. Both are current instructors at CKHS and considered two of the very best. To say they are talented, intelligent, creative, and motivational is to minimize their abilities. Their presentations were outstanding and had a profound impact on the CKHS staff. Through their efforts, a school-wide initiative began to create an educational system that reaches all student groups thus enhancing student achievement.

The ultimate goal of Cultural Proficiency training is to bridge the achievement gap with certain student populations and create a culture of high level learning for all students. Elizabeth and J.D. gave staff simple tools and strategies that could be immediately used in lesson planning and implementation. The training was well-received by the staff, and many teachers experienced positive results when the learned strategies were applied. Ms. Blandin and Mr. Sweet were always well-prepared and organized, and both possess excellent presentation skills.

Elizabeth Blandin and J.D. Sweet are among the best of educators, and our school program has been greatly enhanced by their efforts. I give them my highest recommendation.

Sincerely,

John Cervinsky
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