

## VOICES FROM THE CLASSROOM

### What TDSB Supports have been the most Meaningful?

#### Mentoring at School

- \* *My Mentor has been essential to the successful completion of two years of teaching.*
- \* *I've had tremendous support - not just from my mentor. The entire school has offered their expertise and has been very willing to listen to my thoughts and opinions.*

#### Job Embedded Learning Initiative (JELI)

- \* *Visiting another Junior Intensive Behaviour Program was the most amazing thing I've done yet this year. Miriam has her class running exactly the way that I thought it could be done; but through the course of the year, I was beginning to believe was too high a bar for my students. I now believe again that it can be done, and I have some real tangible strategies on how to begin to implement it.*

#### Family of Schools Professional Learning

- \* *I just have to say that having attended the Family of Schools night on Thursday it felt really good to be reminded that, as new teachers, we have so many people supporting us and appreciating the work we do. I think it's a great idea to celebrate first year teachers in this way.*

#### Beginning Teacher Coaches

- \* *I wanted to let you know that my BT coach has been fantastic. Listening to me, helping me with planning, organization, etc...She lifted my spirits when I felt like I was sinking. I am so glad that people like her are chosen for this position within the board. She deserves a medal!*

#### Central Summer, Fall, Winter, Spring, Institutes

- \* *The Institute I went to last week was really good. The nicest feeling was to be surrounded by dedicated teachers, beginners or veterans!*
- \* *You have opened up my mind and my heart - you have modeled that sharing makes us all wealthier, and I try and teach and live with that in mind each day.*

#### Online Sharing & Support

- \* *It is nice to know how much you care about us. I look forward to the Thursday messages every week... not only because it signifies the end of the week, but also because they are helpful and useful and supportive.*