

Dear Mr. Thomas,

I attended the Response to Intervention: Effectively Intervening With Students Before They Fall Too Far Behind in Reading, (Grades 1–5) conference on April 6th, 2009. Thank you very much for this wonderful opportunity. As a special education teacher at the elementary level, this conference was important for me to attend.

As you know, Clarence is quickly moving toward the strategy of RtI and it is a very effective intervention. We were taught about the 3 different tiers for the students and what interventions to do at each level. We also were instructed on many different techniques of interventions to avoid having “at-risk” students ultimately ending up in special education services. This approach eliminates the “wait to fail” approach that is currently in place. The most important item I take from this conference is that RtI is a team approach. In order for this intervention to be successful, we must all work together to help these students. This was definitely one of the most beneficial conferences that I’ve attended.

Sincerely,

Beth Lowell